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## 111 killed in air crash

### 14 survive Honduran plane disaster

TEGUCIGALPA, Oct. 21, (Agencies): At least 111 people were killed when a Honduran airliner bound from Costa Rica crashed in hills south of Tegucigalpa this morning, an airline official said.

"There were approximately 111 people killed," Francisco Anaya, an official of the national airline, Tan Salsa, told Reuters, adding that 14 people survived the fiery crash.

Anaya said the jet, Tan Salsa flight 414, crashed at about 7:20 am (1320 GMT) in hills at Cerro Hula, about 20 km (13 miles) south of the city, as it was coming in to land at Toncontin airport.

He said one of the seven crew members also was killed.

Some of the 14 survivors were in critical condition at three Tegucigalpa hospitals, he said.

Witnesses said the centre portion of the Boeing 727 was still burning hours after the crash.

A Reuters photographer said only the tail remained intact and parts of the plane were scattered over an area of 500 metres. He said dead bodies were burning in the wreckage.

Anaya said Honduran Red Cross and fire crews were struggling to remove bodies from the wreckage, but their task has been hindered by high winds. Bodies were being taken to an air force base at the airport.

Tan Salsa officials said the passengers included 16 Americans as well as Hondurans, Nicaraguans, Costa Ricans and Cubans.

A Nicaraguan aviation official said 66 Nicaraguans were on the flight, which stopped in Managua en route from Costa Rica. He said many of the passengers were bound for Miami.

Carlos Martinez, an official of Tegucigalpa's Escuela hospital, where nine of the survivors were taken, said a young boy died of his injuries there.

Anaya said witnesses reported seeing smoke coming from one of the engines, but did not rule out the crash being caused by unusually high winds which swept Tegucigalpa overnight.

## Aquino appoints Miriam again

MANILA, Oct. 21, (AP): President Corazon Aquino, defying a rejection by the congressional appointments commission, reappointed her controversial land reform secretary today as Congress began a month-long break.

A brief statement released by the presidential palace said Miriam Defensor Santiago was reappointed as land reform secretary under a constitutional provision empowering the president to make appointments while Congress is on recess.

The constitution says such an appointment would be effective unless disapproved by the 25-member commission on appointments.

The US-styled two-chamber Congress resumes work Nov. 21.

Before the break, the commission rejected Santiago's confirmation as land reform secretary, saying she does not fulfil a law requiring the secretary to have five years of experience in land reform.

Aquino appointed Santiago to head the department on June 30 after a scandal in the purchase of land for redistribution to landless peasants forced then-agrarian reform secretary Philip Juico to resign.

Before that Santiago was chief of the commission on immigration and deportation, an agency traditionally fraught with corruption. She gained a reputation as a no-nonsense administrator by purging the immigration office of inefficient and corrupt officials.

Critics say Santiago has offended many members of the appointments commission, who include some of the country's biggest landholders.

Aquino approved today the release of 5.36 million pesos (\$249,000) to fund 12 projects for street children, saying it was the duty of the government to protect young people from all forms of exploitation.

"No single age group requires more of our attention than our children," Aquino said during a signing ceremony at the presidential palace. "And no single children's group deserves our collective concern more than these children under 15 years of age who are exploited, abused, neglected and abandoned — the street children."

## 60,000 homeless in China quakes

BEIJING, Oct. 21, (Reuters): A series of powerful earthquakes that caused 29 deaths in northern China has left 60,000 people homeless, state television said today.

Television footage showed people in temporary shelters, some being treated for injuries, while others sat through the rubble of their mud-brick homes.

The semi-official China News Service has reported that several hundred people were hurt when the earthquakes shook the border area of Shanxi and Hebei provinces early on Thursday.

Seven strong tremors jolted the region, about 250 km (160 miles) west of Beijing, with the most powerful one measuring 6.1 degrees on the Richter scale.

The tremors came a day after a devastating quake hit San Francisco in the United States, with a death toll so far of 55.

The People's Daily newspaper said the North China quakes, which could be felt in Beijing, seriously affected 40 villages.



Rescue worker Jam Palouchoud climbs down a twisted fire escape as he helps residents to get their belongings out of a heavily damaged apartment in Marina district in San Francisco. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Man pulled alive

### Trapped under the quake-collapsed highway for 90 hours

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 21, (Reuters): Rescue crews pulled a motorist alive today from beneath chunks of the double-decker Oakland highway that collapsed in Tuesday's massive earthquake, the California highway patrol said.

The man, tentatively identified as Buck Helms, 57, was rushed to a hospital, but this condition was not immediately known.

The survivor waved his arms to his rescuers after being pulled from the wreckage some 90 hours after the quake, said Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson.

There were cheers when the man was freed from his car, which was found in one of the most compressed sections of the collapsed roadway in which at least 34 people are known to have been crushed to death.

"He has a steady pulse," said police captain Mike Garver. "He is listed as stable, but beyond that we do not know his condition."

The Oakland mayor said "it was just an incredible, wonderful sight when he waved his arms when he was brought out."

"Cheers went up everywhere," he added.

Captain Jim Hahn speculated that the survivor's car was in a cavern or pocket that formed as the highway's upper deck, weighing thousands of tons, fell onto the lower roadways.

The car was spotted last night when engineers were testing the structural strength by pulling on sections of the highway to see whether it was stable for further rescue work.

An engineer said that early today he saw some movement by a body in the car, setting off an urgent rescue operation.

Engineers now say the construction techniques for the highway, built in the 1950s, had been questioned for more than 20 years and that as late as in 1975 state inspectors were aware that it would not withstand a severe shaking.

In fact, the danger of collapse was so well known that a popular bumper sticker in Oakland read, "Pray for me, I ride the Nimitz freeway."

Red Cross and Salvation Army officials meanwhile pleaded for donations of food, clothing and money to help the victims.

"The situation of these people is desperate," said Chris Garrett, a Red Cross spokeswoman.

The number of homeless stood at 8,000 in the San Francisco area and was growing as dozens of homes were declared unsafe.

"Even if I had a house I wouldn't go into it," said Rita Valdez, whose home was demolished. "The ground keeps shaking and I can't sleep anyhow."

Officials said a storm, accompanied by high winds, threatened to cause mudslides along mountain roads already weakened by the earthquake and to complicate the search for bodies.

Many people began questioning why at least 55 people died in an earthquake that had been widely expected.

## Boy rescued

### Mom sawed in half

OAKLAND, California, Oct. 21, (Agencies): The heroic rescue of a six-year-old boy, who could be saved from a mangled car only by amputating his leg and sawing in half his dead mother's body, has sent waves of sympathy rippling across the nation.

The hospital where Julio Berumen and his sister are recovering is tallying toys and phone calls, and a fund has been set up for Julio.

"The story just brought us back to reality about how important life is," said Heidi Palkowitz, who brought stuffed animals for Julio and his eight-year-old sister, Cathy, who was also pulled from the family's crushed car.

"You never know if that was going to be one of your family," Palkowitz said.

Julio was reported to be conscious yesterday. Cathy was in fair condition with head injuries.

The story of the four-hour, blood-lit rescue, including a doctor's skill and courage, brought calls from throughout the country to a bank, where a trust fund has been established.

"The phone has been ringing off the hook," said Jerry Barnes, a vice-president at Summit Bank in Oakland.

Rescuers who reached Maria Berumen's car Tuesday were able to remove Cathy, but Julio was pinned in by his mother's seat.

Doctors decided they had to saw through the seat and Berumen's body to get to Julio, and then found that Julio's right leg was pinned under a highway pillar that had fallen on the car.

Dr. Jim Berts, lying on a board pushed into a narrow opening carved in the debris, performed the operation in about 10 minutes. The doctors used local anesthetic and pumped morphine and valium intravenously into the boy's system.

After more than four hours, Julio was finally freed from the mangled car and taken to the hospital. He had surgery on Wednesday, but surgeons did not have to amputate his other leg.

## Syrian MiGs shoot down Turkish plane, five dead

ANKARA, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Turkey accused Syria of shooting down a Turkish civilian aircraft with the loss of five lives today in an attack likely to aggravate strained relations.

Two Syrian MiG-21s shot down the twin-propeller survey plane 20 km (13 miles) inside Turkey's Mediterranean province of Hatay, a Turkish Foreign Ministry statement said.

"The Syrian ambassador was summoned and the incident was severely protested. Turkey's rights were reserved, damages were demanded and a detailed explanation is expected without delay," the statement said.

Two pilots and three technicians specialising in aerial survey measurement were killed, Anatolian news agency said.

Relations between the two neighbours have been under increased strain since a Turkish threat to cut back the flow of water from the Euphrates river, Syria's life-line.

State-run Turkish television said the Soviet-made MiG-21s followed the survey plane before opening fire.

Ten cartridge cases 12 cm (four inches) long were found near the wreckage of the plane, Hatay governor Hanefi Demirkol told Anatolian agency.

Turkish television showed debris from the white-and-blue civilian plane scattered over a hillside covered in scrub bushes and boulders. The wreckage appeared to have bullet holes.

The plane was one of two that had taken off from Adana to photograph and measure forests in Hatay, said Halim Corbali, head of Turkey's deeds and cadastral survey department.

## Public revenues increase by 2.9%

### Share market shows improvement

KUWAIT, Oct. 21, (Kuna): During the first eleven months of fiscal year 1988/89 public revenues totalled KD2,113.1 million, increasing by 2.9 per cent over its estimated level in the budget of the whole fiscal year, totalling KD2,054 million.

Most of this increase resulted from increased oil revenues, the result of rising prices and production of crude oil, particularly in the second half of that fiscal year, according to a financial report here today.

The monthly report of Kuwait Central Bank indicated that public saving in expenditures on development projects was concentrated in both the Ministry of Electricity and Water and the Ministry of Public Works as 48.9 per cent and 35 per cent of the total allocations were spent for both of them respectively, it added.

As for the budget for the fiscal year 1989/90, total revenues were estimated at KD2,230.5 million, an increase of 8.6 per cent over the previous fiscal year. Estimated oil revenues for the fiscal year 1989/90 totalled KD1,942 million, against KD1,788.5 million in the previous fiscal year.

The bank added that other revenues increased by 8.7 per cent over their estimated level in the previous fiscal year. Most of this increase came from increased taxes, customs duties and services revenues, particularly those collected from the charges of electricity, transport and communications.

Regarding public expenditure a sum of KD3,326 million was allocated, with an increase of 4.1 per cent over the budget allocations for the previous fiscal year. This increase is mostly attributed to the increased allocations for wages and salaries, land purchases and miscellaneous expenditures and transfer payments.

The chapter of commodity requirements and services declined slightly, by 1.1 per cent. Meanwhile, expenditure on development projects declined by 14.8 per cent as some major projects were almost completed.

The deficit in the budget of the fiscal year 1989/90 was estimated at KD1,318.6 million, a decrease of 2.1 per cent below the deficit in the previous budget. A decrease in the actual budget deficit is expected at the end of the current fiscal year, as it happened in the two previous fiscal years due to the expected increase in oil revenues over those estimated on the one hand, and saving in actual expenditure over their allocations on the other.

In the securities market, the report indicated that during the second quarter of 1989, the securities market witnessed a tangible improvement in share activity, as reflected by the three major indicators, value, volume and number of transactions of traded shares, which increased by 62 per cent, 57 per cent and 46 per cent respectively over the second quarter.

The monthly financial report said that share trading activity during the second quarter of 1989, totalling KD135 million, was most pronounced in April, then returned to its prevailing level in the previous months.

As for share prices, the general index of these prices remained relatively stable, following its sharp decline in the first quarter.

The noticeable activity in April, which raised the value of monthly share transactions to levels unprecedented since Aug 1988, may be attributed to several reasons.

These, it summed mainly in the liberation of the movement of daily prices, effective April 1, 1989, from the maximum and

expenditures during the same period totalled KD2,450.3 million, accounting for 71.1 per cent of total budget allocations (after amendment) and increasing by 13.2 per cent over the corresponding period in the previous year.

The increase was distributed over all budget chapters, except for the chapter of commodity requirements and services, the expenditure of which declined slightly by 0.4 per cent.

Saving can be noticed clearly in budget allocations, particularly in spending on development projects, land purchase, miscellaneous expenditures and transfer payments.

## Syria accepts peace scheme

TAIF, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Lebanon's Christian deputies, stalled in peace talks with their Muslim counterparts, met today to discuss fresh proposals intended to break the deadlock.

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The amendments, as reported by Christian deputies, appeared to go some way to meeting Christian demands by providing for greater Lebanese involvement in deciding the future of Syria's troops.

The new points included the stipulation that the Syrian and Lebanese government would decide "together" on Syrian troops redeployment, while the original said Syria would decide "in co-ordination" with Lebanon.

The points also provided for a Lebanese-Syrian military committee to discuss the troop issue and changed the description of future relations between Syria and Lebanon from "strategic" to "brotherly."

"What happened so far represents important and positive steps although they do not meet our demands," a leading Christian deputy told Reuters.

He said the Christian deputies would respond to the new proposals after consulting their leaders in Beirut.

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A source close to Aoun said that fresh proposals submitted to stalled Lebanese peace talks are a trap aimed at perpetuating Syrian control.

"This solution, as it is being prepared, is a trap to all Lebanese regardless of their sects because it is nothing more than submission to the Syrian will under cover of solving the Lebanese crisis," said the source, who declined to be named.

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Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, wearing a baseball cap style visor over her veil, listens to a speech given before a symbolic tree planting by leaders of Commonwealth governments on Langkawi Island yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto) See Commonwealth story on Page 4.

## Death verdict against Sikhs

### Ex-army chief murder case

NEW DELHI, Oct. 21, (UPI): A judge today sentenced to death two Sikh radicals who in 1986 killed a chief of army staff in retaliation for his involvement two years earlier in the massive military assault on Amritsar's Golden Temple, which left hundreds of Sikhs dead.

The Press Trust of India reported Sukhdeo Singh and Harjinder Singh now have 30 days to launch an appeal to the Supreme Court following their sentencing in Pune, 730 miles (1,170 km) southwest of New Delhi.

The domestic news agency said lower court judge V.L. Rukar found the two Sikhs, who are not related, guilty of killing Gen. Arun Kumar Vaidya as the former former chief of army staff on Aug 10, 1986, drove his car through Pune.

The Khalistan Commando Force, an underground Sikh group, claimed responsibility for the general's assassination.

Authorities said the killing was in retaliation for Vaidya's involvement in the July 1984 "Operation Blue Star" to flush out armed zealots using the Golden Temple of Amritsar as a base for their separatist drive in northern Punjab state.

Rukar acquitted a third Sikh named Nirmla Singh at the end of the lengthy closed trial held within a prison, but said the two convicted assassins had committed a "most foul and senseless crime" which deserved the most extreme penalty.

Rukar said the convicted men should be hanged, but he ordered that the sentences be confirmed by India's Supreme Court.

He also sentenced Sukhdeo Singh to a 10-year term of "rigorous imprisonment" for wounding Bhanumati Vaidya, the general's wife who was also in the vehicle.

"It was the misfortune and nothing else that the Takht (inner citadel) was damaged in Operation Blue Star" the Press Trust quoted Rukar as saying. "This cannot be the cause for the accused to take revenge on such a great personality of the nation."

## First polls victim in India

CALCUTTA, Oct. 21, (Reuters): India's election campaign claimed its first victim when a Communist Party worker was shot and killed during village fund-raising.

Police said today that Samar Dey was shot yesterday in a village 20 km (12 miles) north of Calcutta after a rival group threw a homemade bomb and then opened fire while he was making a door-to-door collection. Two people were injured.

Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) sources claimed the 35-year-old party worker was killed by activists from Congress (I) Party.

Congress denied it had anything to do with the killing, which came three days after Rajiv called national parliamentary elections for late November.



## Swift for some, cruel for others Death in the quake

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 21, (AP): When the earth split and buildings crumbled, Diane Laufer and Paul Harris died holding hands after the rubble of their apartment rained down on them.

Donald McGlinchey, a high school teacher racing to perform an act of mercy, survived the quake but died of injuries suffered when he fell down a dark stairwell while trying to rescue an invalid cousin.

Many of the 54 confirmed dead in Tuesday's earthquake were victims of twists of fate and freak chance. These are some of their stories: ■ Laufer, 40, and Harris, 48, of San Francisco.

"The couple died hand in hand with his hand on hers as if he were trying to protect her," said Paramedic Joe Delligatti, who found the trapped couple still alive in the moonlit rubble. "She died first. He said a few more words and then died."

Rescuers were unable to free them before they died. Their bodies were still in the rubble when health-conscious runners jogged in the morning sun through the affluent Marina district with its view of the Golden Gate bridge.

■ McGlinchey, 59, a Galileo high school English teacher, lived through the quake but hurried to help his ailing cousin, Mary McDevitt, at her darkened apartment on Clay Street.

"He came by after the quake and all the lights were out. He left to walk down three stories but he had no flashlight," said McDevitt. McGlinchey's nephew found him

one hour later lying in the darkened stairwell. Bloodied and dying, he told the nephew, "I hurt."

McGlinchey, a father of three who was about to retire, died of internal injuries at San Francisco general hospital. "He was a wonderful person. I'm an invalid; ever since I've been sick he called or visited at least three times a week," said McDevitt, through tears.

■ Gary Watson, 54, a retired naval shipyard worker and wine connoisseur, was working the part-time job he loved trucking wine from San Leandro to Napa. His truck was crushed when a section of Interstate 880 buckled, trapping dozens of motorists under slabs of concrete.

"I had no idea he was down there. When I noticed he didn't come home by 1 am I went in the family room and I saw my mom crying. She was on the phone to the coroner," said Debbie Watson, one of Watson's four daughters.

Authorities couldn't find Watson's wallet. His wife identified him on the phone by the spark-cut wedding band she had just bought him for their 21st wedding anniversary.

■ Jeffrey Choi, 41, a native of Hong Kong, was working as a thimble cutter in San Francisco to support his wife and three teen-age children.

Choi was in his car headed home along his usual route near the bluxome outlet where he worked south of market street.

He was buried in his car by brick cascading off the facade of a building that collapsed on motorists, killing five.

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## First batch of Indians leave

25 killed in Lanka violence

COLOMBO, Oct. 21, (Agencies): A first contingent of Indian soldiers left Sri Lanka yesterday under the phased withdrawal of the Indian peace keeping force agreed by Colombo and New Delhi in September, military sources said.

They said about 1,000 Indian soldiers deployed in the eastern Ampara district left aboard the ship M.V. Akbar from the eastern port of Trincomalee.

The sources said at least 25 people were murdered and seven state buildings were damaged in different parts of the island in the 24 hours up to this morning.

The People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese rebel group fighting to topple the government, blasted a military truck with a landmine in the southern Hambantota district today killing five soldiers and wounding 10, the sources said.

It was the latest attack by the front accused of killing more than 4,000 people and damaging hundreds of state buildings in their two-year anti-government campaign.

Sinhalese radicals detonated buried explosives under a military truck in southern Sri Lanka today, killing five soldiers and wounding 10 others, army officials said.

Elsewhere, at least six people, including three radicals, were killed, said the officials, who can not be identified under briefing regulations.

The attack on the soldiers occurred in Hambantota district, 165 kilometers (105 miles) southeast of Colombo.

In central and southern Sri Lanka, government troops shot and killed three civilians in separate incidents yesterday, said the military officials.

Sinhalese radicals also hacked to death three civilians in Badulla district, 130 kilometers (80 miles) east of Colombo, the officials said.

India has agreed to pull out its 40,000 troops by December 31. They were sent to the island in 1987 in an effort to end a separatist revolt by the minority Tamil community.

The troops were being pulled back district by district from the Tamil-dominated north-east in order to allow the local police, assisted by a citizens' volunteer force, to take over law and order duties, the sources said.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told Parliament yesterday the withdrawal from Ampara, the first district to be vacated, would be completed by Oct. 25.

Sinhalese radicals started their campaign of violence two years ago, when the Sri Lankan government signed a peace accord to end the island nation's Tamil ethnic conflict.

The radicals say that the accord offered too many concessions to the Tamils, who make up 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people. Sinhalese are about 75 per cent of the country's population.

Sri Lanka is making arrangements to host the next summit of the Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) in Colombo in March next year.



Typhoon Elsie, packing winds of 104 mph, is seen from the space shuttle Atlantis. The typhoon is shown near Luzon. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Elsie kills 17

Typhoon heads for China

MANILA, Oct. 21, (AP): Typhoon Elsie headed for China's southern island province of Hainan today after killing at least 17 people in the northern Philippines and forcing more than 300,000 into government shelters, officials said.

The Manila Weather Bureau said Elsie carried winds of 127 miles (204 kilometers) per hour when it blew ashore on Thursday but had since weakened to 75 miles (120 kilometers) per hour. If Elsie maintains its westward course at 11 miles (17 kilometers) per hour, it will hit Hainan by Monday, said meteorologist Felio Bartolome.

A compilation of reports from the Red Cross and the military's office of civil defence showed 10 people died in Isabela province, four in Quirino province, two in La Union province and one in Benguet province. Most of the dead either drowned or were hit by falling trees and flying galvanised iron roofing.


Officials added 15 people were injured and more than 326,800 others were taking temporary refuge in government shelters. More than 5,000 houses were either destroyed or damaged, they added.

Capt Donna Eggleston, a US Air Force spokeswoman, said Clark Air Base had minimal damage as typhoon Elsie spared Pampanga province.

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## Rains, gales hit UK

LONDON, Oct. 21, (AP): Torrential rains and gale-force winds battered western and southern Britain today, toppling trees, cutting power supplies, flooding roads and lifting the roofs off homes and barns.

The gales also caused major problems at sea and hit ferry services to France and the Channel Islands.

The crew of a lifeboat off Scotland had to be rescued themselves as they tried to help a barge battered by the storm.

Winds gusting up to 99 miles (158 kilometers) per hour were reported at Pendennis point, near Falmouth in Cornwall in southwest England, but generally ranged between 35 and 45 miles (56 and 72 kilometers) per hour, the London weather centre said.

Southern electricity said it hoped to restore power supplies tonight to 15,000 customers in Hampshire, West Sussex and parts of Surrey.

## Winners in the second draw of Al Sayer Refreshments



The second draw on the prizes presented by Al Sayer Refreshments Factory was carried out on Wednesday, 18/10/1989. The draw was attended by representatives from the Ministries of Interior and Commerce and Industry. It was also attended by the General Manager of Al Sayer, Mr. Hasan Al Samadi.

The following are the winning numbers:

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91387	84439	54584	63815	50210
51158	14399	106460	576	228584
108750	110591	92511	68485	191149
35755	103102	4911	201140	178099
67103	91033	189351	84991	
212891	51782	84234	4653	
41239	78851	107952	105334	
99922	34904	108303	87435	
49508	45967	198875	217900	



# Actor dies of cancer

Quayle: great man of theatre

LONDON, Oct 21. (AP) Actor-director Sir Anthony Quayle, who died of cancer at age 76, won Broadway fame in "Sleuth." Yet his greatest legacy was his commitment to the classical stage, precursor of today's subsidised English theatres.

Quayle died yesterday at his home in West London.

The versatile classical actor created a memorable "Falstaff" at Stratford in 1951 and had been in theatre nearly 40 years before lasting box office success with his role in "Sleuth" in London and New York in 1970.

Yet it was his devotion to the classical theatre that opened the way for the subsidised theatres that England enjoys now.

Director Peter Hall, who founded the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1960, called Quayle "a great man of the theatre — actor, director, creator of companies."

Hall, reached in the United States, said Quayle "was largely responsible for the extraordinary renaissance of the Stratford-On-Avon festival."

He was a superb leader with a passion for Shakespeare and with a great talent for bringing the best out of people," Hall added in a statement.

Quayle was a company man throughout his career, from the old Vic Theatre in 1932 to Compass, the touring company he founded in 1984.

He believed in a top-rank company of actors performing the widest possible repertoire of plays. The attitude is consistent with the belief today of the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre, Britain's two largest government-subsidised theatres.



Sir Anthony Quayle. (Reuters wire-photo)

"I thought of myself as a rather funny-looking, rather large fellow who would never be a matinee hero. So I went into classical companies," he once remarked.

In Stratford-On-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace, Quayle headed the Shakespeare memorial theatre from 1948-1956, raising standards of classical acting and helping to launch the careers of Richard Burton, Robert Shaw and Rachel Roberts, among others.

He employed the major actor-knights of his generation — the late Laurence Olivier, the late Ralph Richardson, and John Gielgud. In the process, he turned Stratford into the touchstone by which Shakespearean performance in Britain was

measured. In 1985, Quayle himself was knighted. Quayle joined the Prospect Theatre Company in 1978 to play Shakespeare's King Lear and tackled the same role again in 1987 for Compass.

Over the years, his stage work spanned Shakespeare and Sheridan, Bertolt Brecht and Francois Billeloux.

He made his Broadway debut in 1956 in William Wycherley's "The Country Wife," but had his greatest success with "Sleuth," Anthony Shaffer's two-character comedy thriller.

The play, co-starring Keith Baxter, ran for 1,222 performances on Broadway. Its producer, Morton Gottlieb, remembered Quayle as "a wonderful actor."

# Shuttle mission may be extended

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct 21. (AP) The space shuttle's astronauts were told to conserve power yesterday because they may have to extend their flight a few days while waiting for the weather to clear at the California landing site.

Mission control directed shuttle commander Don Williams to shut down a high-power heater on a cooling system. Williams suggested also turning off one of three computer displays on the flight deck.

Mission control commentator Brian

Welch said Nasa was trying to trim power usage by about 600 watts to enable the shuttle to stay in orbit longer. Without conservation, Atlantis has enough fuel, oxygen, power and other supplies to remain aloft two days beyond the planned five-day mission, Welch said.

Atlantis is scheduled to land at Edwards Air Force base in California's Mojave desert at 12:38 pm Monday (1938 GMT). The possibility of a longer mission arose when a weather front moved across the

shuttle's desert landing site. High winds following the front could be a problem for Atlantis on Monday, forecasters said.

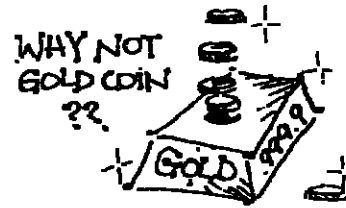
Flight director Ron Dittmore told reporters that forecasters hope the winds will be calm enough by Monday to permit landing. If a Monday landing is impossible at Edwards, Dittmore said, Atlantis would be kept in orbit at least another day.

Should the winds persist for a few days, controllers would consider an alternate landing site, he said. The Northrup strip at

White Sands, New Mexico, would be the first choice and the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida would be second.

The astronauts spent part of the third day of their experiment-filled space flight photographing the beauties and blemishes of earth for a documentary film.

"We just got some great shots of Central America, right over the border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica; the city of San Jose was completely clear," said astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz.

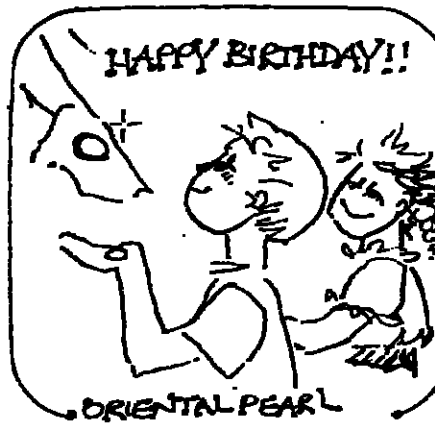


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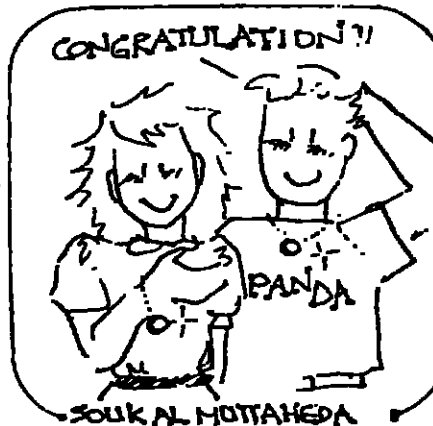
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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

GOLDEN, Colorado: Ghosts, goblins and ugly monsters, step aside.

Most than 15,000 children surveyed by a network of child care centres have picked their ideal Halloween costume for this year. The boys want to dress up as Batman and the girls want to be disguised as witches.

Children's world learning centres said Friday it surveyed the children, ages 2 through 12, in its day care and pre-school facilities in 20 states.

The survey, conducted by teachers in the facilities, determined that 19 per cent of 7,716 boys questioned wanted to dress up as Batman and 12 per cent of the 7,427 girls wanted to pretend to be witches.

Vampires and the popular cartoon character Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles took second place among the boys, garnering 5 per cent. In second place for girls was a princess at 8 per cent, followed by a ballerina at 7 per cent. (UPI)

NEW YORK: A four-day sale of art and furnishings collected by the late Campbell soup heir John T. Dorrance Jr brought \$123.4 million in its first two sessions and has already set a world auction record for a single owner's collection, officials said Friday.

A spokesman at Sotheby's Auction Gallery said the first sale of paintings and sculpture Wednesday, which totalled \$116.2 million, set the world record with only 44 lots going on the block. Thursday's sale totalled \$7.2 million and hundreds of more lots were on the block Friday and Saturday. The previous record for a single owner sale was \$85 million paid for impressionist and modern art collected by William and Edith Mayer Goetz of Hollywood and sold at Christie's Gallery in New York last November. (UPI)

OSLO, Norway: A 35-year-old Norwegian has been charged with killing three fellow members of a religious sect after a squabble over living expenses, reports said Friday.

The suspect, who was not identified, called police early Thursday and told them he had shot two men and a woman through the head as they slept in a house he shared with them in Oslo, the newspaper Aftenposten reported.

All four were Norwegian members of the Way International, which emphasises speaking in tongues while discouraging interest in money or material goods. (AP)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: A simple \$5 bicycle tyre repair may end up costing \$10,000.

That's because Gerard Wutke accidentally drove his Mercedes-Benz through the brick and glass wall of a bicycle shop as he was dropping off the bike for repair.

"I guess he thought we had drive-in service," shop owner David Levine said.

Wutke 89, pulled into the wheeler dealer lot Thursday to deliver his wife's bicycle, which had a flat tyre. Then his brakes failed, he said.

The Mercedes pushed the shop's brick wall back about 5 feet, smashed three panes of glass and locked the two front doors together, Levine said. No one was hurt. (UPI)

MIAMI: A supermarket security guard's decision to open fire in a dispute over a 10-cent lime should cost the guard and his employers \$440,000, a jury has decided.

Joseph Climpson, 35, sued the market, the guard and the nation-wide personal security corp. After a four-day trial, six Dade County circuit court jurors found all three defendants responsible.

"Maybe this will stop grocery stores from hiring agencies and security guards with loaded guns," said Climpson's lawyers, David Zoberg.

WASHINGTON: The head of the US Federal Aviation Administration grounded the pilot who was rescued from the Atlantic ocean after passing out while controlling his plane during months ago, the agency announced Friday.

The pilot, Washington communications lawyer Thomas Root, said he would comply with the suspension of his medical certificate by FAA administrator James B. Busey.

But Root added, "I don't need the FAA to tell me it would be dumb to fly." Root said he does not know what caused him to lapse into unconsciousness July 13 while his plane flew on autopilot for 800 miles (1,290 kilometres) until it ran out of gas. Busey took the action because Root refused to supply all relevant medical documents, including psychiatric records from his treatment in Hollywood, Florida, after his flight, the FAA said. Root suffered from a gunshot wound he said must have occurred when a pistol he kept in the cockpit discharged, apparently as the plane hit the water off Bermuda. (AP)

SALT LAKE CITY: The major problem with school textbooks in the United States is that they are boring, the head of the national endowment for the humanities said.

"They are not good for the most part," Lynne Cheney said Friday. "A good book, she said, ought to be a book some human being would voluntarily read."

"But as most of us know," she said, "there aren't many textbooks that any human would voluntarily read." She said a New study of history texts found that most contained dry, usually terse, recitations of facts stripped of the "things that make you and I love to read a well-written book of history." (UPI)

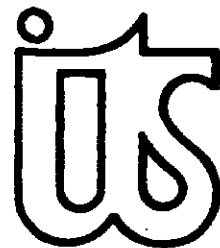
DORA, Alabama: A courageous Calico cat took a flying leap and sent a Pit bull dog running when it tried to beat up a poodle.

Teresa Harper's 4-year-old Feline, named Sparky, became a local hero after saving her owner's poodle Lacy Jane from the jaws of the Pit Bull.

"I feel she's definitely a hero," said Mrs Harper. "My poodle would be dead otherwise."

Mrs Harper said she let her dog out this week and seconds later heard a commotion. She rushed to the door and was paralyzed with fear when she saw Lacy Jane being attacked by a stray Pit Bull.

But Sparky, perched 10 feet (3 metres) above the fray, flew into action. (AP)

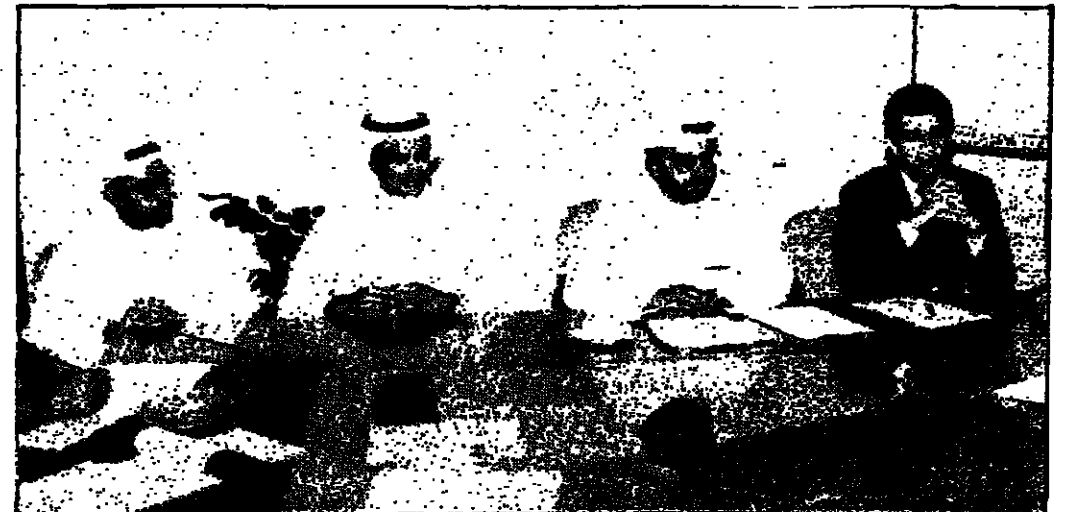


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Local newsmen during the press conference.



Mr. Saad Hamad Al Barrak — General Manager.

The General Manager of International Turnkey Systems (ITS), (sole and exclusive distributors in the GCC countries and Arabian Peninsula, of M/s Tandem Computers Inc., and M/s Sequent Computer Systems Inc., both of USA), Mr. Saad Hamad Al Barrak held a press conference at the company premises. It was attended by the company's Customer Engineering Department Manager Mr. Khalifa Al Soulah, Asst. Engineering Manager Mr. Khalid Faraj, Systems Department Manager Dr Costas Constantinidis, Public Relations Officer Mr. Hassan Bazian and a number of local newsmen.

Mr. Al Barrak said that the company had recently signed three very important contracts for supply, installation and maintenance of computer systems. The projects constitute strategic projects for three leading companies contracted with.

The first contract was signed with the UAE Telecommunication Establishment (ETISALAT) for supply of a turnkey computer system to use it as a Directory Assistance System, by using a Tandem TXP-3 processors system. The project will be completed by end of July, 1990. The project consists of an integrated system of programmes and equipments. Tandem systems (non-stop and a leader in the On Line Transaction

Processing) have unique features to provide the best service for such a strategic and important communication project. The system can be programmed in a way to link the UAE communication system with the rest of the Gulf countries. Tandem systems are also currently being used in the UAE for Electronic Mail System.

The second contract was signed with Kuwait National Petroleum Co. (KNPC) for the supply of a central computer system, involving Sequent S81 — 6 processors system. Installation of the system will begin the last quarter of 1989. The contract also includes maintenance of this unique system. (The Sequent S81 will also be used for automation of KNPC's internal operations).

The third contract was signed with Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for supply of a Tandem CLX 720 system, to be used for controlling the bank's auto-bank network. This project will be implemented during the last quarter of 1989.

Mr. Al Barrak stated that during 1989, the company continued its development and expansion. The company has plans to open offices in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during 1990. He also announced that the company will expand its future plans and activities in the field of Unix systems.

Mr. Al Barrak said that ITS is the only national company operating Gulf-wide. He also said that we are determined to make the company a

pioneering dealer of the Unix-based Mini & Mainframe systems. The company is currently adopting vertical marketing policy in certain fields, the most important of which is the Retail & POS systems. He said that the company has integrated solutions and systems in this field.

The company has recently signed contracts with 7 Co-operative Societies in Kuwait for providing turnkey computer solutions, adding that more Co-operative Societies will be signed up in the later stage. He said that the Retail system is also important to the supermarkets as it is an accurate, easy-to-use and multi-purpose system. The company has a fully dedicated back-up team to carry out all the services needed by this project, including installation, maintenance, programming and follow-up.

The company adopts the policy of employing specialised Gulf personnel and aims at expanding this policy to make the administration of the company to be run by national and Gulf personnel.

He stressed that the contracts signed in the past two years had a very important impact and rendered a great service to the establishments in the region. The increasing demand from establishments to deal with ITS directly emerges from the great confidence entrusted in us by these Gulf establishments. Over 50% of the company's customers are based in other GCC countries.



## US to forbid Noriega dealings

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (AP): The US government has decided to forbid US citizens from having financial dealings with Panama's Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as well as more than 30 firms in which he has an interest, officials said yesterday.

Many of these businesses serve as intermediaries in trade between the United States and Cuba, the sources said. Trade with Cuba has been illegal since 1960.

The move serves to tighten the embargo against Cuba and also to penalise Panamanian firms controlled by Noriega and his wife, said the administration officials, who asked not to be identified.

US citizens who violate the new measure, scheduled to be announced next week, could face fines of up to \$500,000, according to the officials.

The step was first reported by the Los Angeles Times newspaper yesterday. Asked about the report, spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler refused comment at the State Department's daily briefing.

The administration has been groping for ways to punish Noriega without further damaging the Panamanian economy, which has declined steeply over the past 18 months as a result of earlier sanctions imposed by the United States.

Noriega, who is the country's de facto ruler as chief of Panama's Defence Forces, was the target of a failed coup attempt Oct 3 that received minimal support from US forces.

The United States had been asked by the rebels to use its 12,000 troops stationed in Panama to keep reinforcements from reaching Noriega, and US troops eventually were deployed along some key access routes.

Since Noriega was indicted in February 1988 on charges of smuggling drugs into the United States and laundering drug money, Washington has been applying pressure on Panama to force Noriega out.

## 2 to be extradited

### Blast at Colombia hotel

BOGOTA, Oct 21, (AP): Two suspected drug traffickers have been brought to the capital for extradition to the United States, and a car bomb explosion blamed on cocaine-smuggling cartels has seriously injured six people.

Police said in an official communiqué yesterday that Nelson Cuevas Ramirez, 55, captured in Cartagena on Thursday, was wanted by a US court on charges of possessing cocaine and conspiring to sell it.

Cuevas Ramirez declared his innocence late yesterday before reporters at a Bogota police station.

"I am a legitimate businessman and have a clear conscience," he said shortly after his transfer to the capital.

Authorities said they had initiated extradition proceedings against Cuevas Ramirez and another drug trafficking suspect, Robert James Sokolowski Salas, captured on Thursday near the port city of Barranquilla. Sokolowski, also wanted by the United States on drug charges, was being held at a Bogota jail.

The US Justice Department said that Sokolowski's real name was Robert Sokol Jr and that a federal court in Greensboro, North Carolina, had charged him in 1984 with conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

A department spokesman,



Jorge de la Cuesta was arrested in Bogota. He is wanted by the Florida courts on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. (Reuters wirephoto)

Daniel Eramian, said that Sokol was born in Colombia but was believed to hold both US and Colombian passports.

Sokol was arrested at the Cerrejón coal mine, in the Guajira peninsula northeast of Barranquilla. He was found in the offices of Interior, a US company involved with a Colombian firm in a multibillion-dollar coal mining venture.

The national radio chain Caracol said the suspect had been working for Interior, but police did not confirm the report.

Since launching an anti-drug crusade on Aug 19, one day after

the assassination of a leading presidential candidate, the government of President Virgilio Barco already has extradited four suspected traffickers to the United States.

The most recent two arrests brought to six the number of Colombians being processed for extradition. Authorities have failed to capture any of the 12 Colombian traffickers named on a most wanted list issued by the United States.

The country's powerful cocaine smugglers have reacted to the extraditions with a wave of bombings and killings nationwide. The latest explosion blamed on traffickers rocked a hotel in Barranquilla yesterday, seriously injuring five employees and one Colombian guest.

Authorities said they arrested one of two suspects who parked a subcompact Renault car packed with some 100 pounds (45 kgs) of dynamite near the Royal Hotel shortly before the vehicle exploded.

Police identified the suspect as Jose Arena Ramirez, 24. An army general said he apparently was working for drug traffickers.

"I believe that traffickers are responsible for the bombing," said Gen. Juan Salcedo Lora, the commander of the brigade based in the city. He spoke in a live radio interview broadcast by Caracol.

## IRA ambushes policemen

### One dead, one injured

BELFAST, Oct 21, (Agencies): The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility today for a gun attack in which one policeman was killed and a second seriously injured.

The attack took place in the border village of Belleek, 84 miles west of Belfast late last night.

The gunmen ambushed an unmarked and armoured police car with heavy machine guns as the two officers drove along the main street in the village.

One 25-year-old officer died instantly and the second, aged 21, was hit in the arm and legs as he attempted to escape.

The dead man was the 8th police officer to be killed in Northern Ireland this year.

Elsewhere, a telephone exchange was badly damaged by an explosion in Castlewellan, 30 miles

south of Belfast. Police said no one was injured in the mystery blast.

In other developments, Irishman Gerard Conlon, one of four people wrongly convicted of IRA bombings in Britain, says he confessed to the attacks after a British policeman threatened to have his mother shot by soldiers in Northern Ireland.

"He told me if a soldier shot my mother it would be put down to an accident and British soldiers were never convicted in the courts," Conlon said in an interview with the British newspaper The Guardian.

"That's when it became a whole different thing. I knew he would probably do what he said. I don't think I was the strongest of people," he was quoted as saying yesterday, his first full day of freedom for nearly 15 years.

# Call for action on environment

### C'wealth leaders adopt declaration

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21, (AP): Commonwealth leaders issued a call today for preservation of the world's environment in what was termed "a landmark statement on an issue which is a universal preoccupation."

The 10-point Langkawi declaration on the environment urged immediate corrective action "to halt this progressive deterioration (which) will result in permanent and irreversible damage."

Langkawi, a resort island 350 kms (210 miles) northwest of Kuala Lumpur, is where Commonwealth leaders put the final touches on the document during a retreat weekend.

The Commonwealth, claiming to represent a quarter of the world's population, comprises Britain and 48 of its former colonies.

Final approval was delayed yesterday when British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher objected to a

proposal by India for a new \$18 billion planet protection fund. She argued that any extra money should be channelled through the UN environmental programme to avoid duplication.

"I'm not objecting to new money," Thatcher said at tree-planting ceremony today on Langkawi. "I am anxious that new money should go to the environment. I'm objecting to it going to a bureaucracy."

Commonwealth leaders finally agreed to "strengthen and support the development of international funding mechanisms" to help fight pollution and other threats to the environment. They acknowledged India's plan by agreeing to "take account of proposals for an international environment fund-planet protection fund."

Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, Secretary-General of Malaysia's Foreign Ministry, told a news conference that no new agency was planned.

"Existing institutions like the World Bank or the United Nations could be used to disburse the funds... We are not establishing new bureaucracies," he said.

Commonwealth spokeswoman Patsy Robertson, who described the declaration as a landmark, said it was largely inspired by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

For several months, Mahathir has been hitting back at environmentalists in the West who criticise Malaysia and other developing countries for logging tropical forests.

"It lists the 'greenhouse effect,' which may lead to disastrous changes in the climate; acid rain; depletion of the ozone layer; and land degradation as main problems. Among its proposals:

- Reducing and eventually phasing out substance that deplete the ozone layer.
- Preventing marine pollution, including a curb on dumping toxic wastes in the oceans.

- Supporting low-lying and island countries trying to protect themselves from rising sea levels.
- Replanting forests to arrest the increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide and halt deterioration of land and water.

- Improving energy conservation and energy efficiency.
- Discouraging and restricting non-sustainable fishing practices and seeking to ban net and pelagic drift net fishing.

Britain, however, rejected a new strategy on South Africa seeking to tighten financial pressures, but said the 49-nation organisation now acknowledges measures should not be punitive.

"It is a novel recognition that change is beginning (in South Africa), that change is welcome and that... we do not wish to hand a broken-backed economy over a new South Africa in due course," British Foreign Secretary John Major said.

Britain also rejected outright three other key sections of the draft declaration.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the

## SA may lift emergency

### Renounce violence: De Klerk

PRETORIA, Oct 21, (Reuters): President F.W. de Klerk said today that South Africa wanted to lift its three-year-old state of emergency but only if this did not lead to fresh violence.

In his first speech since Pretoria freed eight black nationalist leaders last Sunday, De Klerk restated his call for opposition groups to renounce violence.

A nation-wide state of emergency has been in force since June 1986 to curb a black revolt which killed thousands.

Lifting the restrictions, which allow arrests without trial, is a key condition set by black leaders for accepting Pretoria's long-standing invitation to talks on possible power-sharing.

De Klerk said that while it was the government's goal to lift the emergency, this could be done only if it did not "result in a return to lawlessness, violence, arson, widespread boycotts and murder."

While the level of violence has subsided since 1986, government officials justify keeping the emergency rules on the grounds that unrest could easily erupt again.

Walter Sisulu, the most prominent of the newly-freed detainees, has refused to renounce the use of force.

"It is completely misleading to say violence must be abandoned," Sisulu said yesterday.

De Klerk, speaking at a 19th annual congress of the ruling National Party, said that if the government found it impossible to lift the state of emergency completely, it would aim to move away from it gradually.

Officials have said that one option is to remove some emergency restrictions in peaceful areas.

The worst turmoil is in Natal province, where rival black groups are struggling for control of townships.

Police said today in a daily report on unrest that a group of blacks set fire to three houses and stabbed a woman to death in Inanda, Natal.

In Fort Beaufort, Cape Province, blacks threw petrol bombs at a police vehicle. Eight people were arrested, police said.

The release of seven African Congress National leaders from prison has been welcomed in black townships nationwide, but there is no sign of a thaw between the ANC and rival black political groups.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the

most powerful black moderate in South Africa, complained that the ANC wants to portray itself as the sole representative of the country's blacks.

Buthelezi, a vehement critic of the ANC's socialist ideology and its bombing and sabotage campaign, is chief minister of the tribal homeland of KwaZulu. He also is leader of Inkatha, a Zulu organisation which claims 1.5 million members, and which has feuded violently over the past three years with supporters of the ANC.

More than 2,000 blacks in Natal province have died in the conflict, and recent efforts to promote peace talks have collapsed.

Also remaining at odds with the ANC is the outlawed Pan Africanist Congress. Both groups have conducted guerrilla operations against the government over the past three decades, but the Pan Africanist Congress is smaller, has been less active and has sharp ideological differences with the ANC.

The ANC follows a policy of non-racialism and welcomes whites in its ranks. The Pan Africanist Congress espouses the "black consciousness" philosophy pioneered by Steve Biko before his death in detention in 1977, and believes whites should have no role in the struggle for black rights.

**Namibia:** A South African official who fled from her post in Namibia last month was quoted yesterday as saying she had been part of a covert team set up to manipulate pre-independence elections.

The ANC guerrilla movement said in Lusaka on Wednesday that the woman, Susan Dobson, was also one of its agents and had fled on its orders.

Dobson, 27, told the Namibian newspaper she worked in Namibia as part of a South African effort to undermine the South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo), which fought a 23-year guerrilla war against Pretoria and is expected to win the November polls.

The pro-Swapo newspaper quoted her as saying the team also sought to discredit members of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (Untag), which is overseeing Namibia's progress to independence under a scheme agreed last year, and to promote Swapo's political rivals.

## Wallenberg relatives to continue search

MOSCOW, Oct 21, (AP): Relatives of the missing Swedish diplomat who vanished decades ago after saving thousands of Jews will continue in a prison next week.

"There is evidence that Raoul had been at various periods between 1950 and 1980 in the prison of Vladimir" about 75 miles from Moscow, said Guy von Dardel, Wallenberg's half-brother.

Soviet authorities say Wallenberg, who is credited with saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis during World War II, died in another prison in 1947, two years after he was arrested in Budapest on spy-

ing charges.

The Soviet line on Wallenberg's death has not changed, Von Dardel told a news conference, but officials are co-operating with the relatives' search and suggested a trip to the Vladimir prison on Monday to let them check its archives and cells themselves.

Von Dardel and Wallenberg's half-sister, Nina Lagergren, arrived in Moscow on Oct 14 for their officially approved trip. In an initial meeting, Soviet authorities presented them with Wallenberg's personal effects, including his blue diplomatic passport, which they said had just been found among sacks of such items at KGB headquarters.

## Swiss photographer reports killing field of Burma

BANGKOK, Oct 21, (AP): A Swiss photographer who entered Burma to photograph exotic tribespeople said today he came across decomposing bodies that villagers told him were porters slain by the Burmese Army.

Karl Ammann said he saw and photographed six or seven corpses — mostly skeletal remains — but said he believed the villagers' estimate that at least 150 porters were killed. Villagers and Karenni rebels, who escorted Ammann into Burma, said the porters were

killed during a Burmese Army offensive against the Karennis in July. The porters were given virtually no food or water, the villagers said, and when they could no longer shoulder heavy burdens, they were shot, beheaded or had their legs broken and were left to die.

Refugees, rebel groups and human rights organisations, such as the London-based Amnesty International, have accused the Burmese Army of atrocities. Last year, Amnesty published two reports charging "a consistent pattern of gross violations of

human rights" by the Burmese military in trying to suppress ethnic rebels.

But there has been no first-hand substantiation of the charges due to the inaccessibility of Burma to foreigners. Rangoon has denied the allegations or withheld comment.

The Karenni are one of a number of ethnic minority groups in Burma, many of which have guerrillas groups fighting the central government for greater autonomy. It was not known if the porters were Karenni.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Endangered list

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Oct 21, (AP): A 91-country conference that banned ivory trading ended yesterday with more items added to the list of endangered species, including the salmon-crested cockatoo, Pacific Island flying foxes and 60 types of orchids.

The convention on international trade in endangered species looked at more than 200 animals and plants during its 10-day meeting, but it was the tasks of the largest land animal that took centre stage.

Having approved a ban on trade in ivory earlier in the week by classifying the elephant as an endangered species, the meeting yesterday rejected a proposal that would have provided for the controlled export of tusks classed as "hunting trophies."

### Runcie praises

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 21, (AP): On a visit to the hometown of the Episcopal church's first woman bishop, the Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie praised church leaders in the United States for compromising on a dispute over the ordination of women.

The most Rev. Robert Runcie, spiritual head of the world's 70 million Anglicans, was in Philadelphia yesterday to mark the 200th anniversary of the Episcopal church, the US branch of the Anglican communion, the world's second-largest Christian denomination. The Episcopal church was the first free and independent Anglican Church outside the British Isles.

### Soldiers charged

FORT SILL, Oklahoma, Oct 21, (AP): The army charged two soldiers with negligent homicide for using too much powder in an artillery round that strayed and killed three soldiers last month, officials said yesterday. Sgt. Edward C. Tyler, 26, of Washington, DC, and Spec. Nicholas W. Holly, 24, of Canton, Ohio, were told Wednesday that they were being charged in military court with negligent homicide and dereliction of duty through negligence, said Sheila Samuels, a spokeswoman at Fort Sill.

The stray round struck near 80 soldiers on a rifle range outside the target area and injured 24 as well as killing three.

### Colombia hosts beauty contest

BOGOTA, Oct 21, (UPI): Candidates from eight Latin and Central American countries have arrived to take part in the "Miss Continental" beauty contest in Colombia, where druglords have been waging a war of terror for the past two months.

Newspapers reported most of the visitors had been apprehensive about coming to Colombia because of a series of bombings that began in August, but said they have realized conditions in the city are not as severe as they had been led to believe.

Several of the candidates visited Congress Thursday evening, where they met with various members of parliament, drank champagne, signed autographs and exchanged greetings.

### French navy appeals

PARIS, Oct 21, (Reuters): The French navy has appealed to the government to buy second-hand American F-18 jets for its aircraft carrier fleet instead of patching up aging planes currently in use.

Vice-Admiral Yves Goupil, deputy chief of the French navy, said he could not guarantee the safety of French pilots flying 25-year-old Crusader aircraft, which need 60 hours of maintenance for a single flying hour.

The Crusader has reached its retirement age. The Philippine Air Force, the last service to use this plane outside France, withdrew them two years ago. Goupil told the French navy's publication Cols Bleus.

### Rocket launched

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct 21, (UPI): An air force Delta 2 rocket boosted the fourth in a series of high-tech military navigation satellites into orbit today in a spectacular pre-launch that lit up the sky for miles around.

The 126-foot (38 m), \$30 million Delta 2, equipped with nine strap-on solid-fuel boosters, flashed to life at 5:31 am EDT (0931 GMT) and quickly thundered from its launching stand at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station adjacent to the Kennedy Space Centre.

Liftoff was delayed five minutes to keep the Delta 2 well away from the space shuttle Atlantis, which was sailing through space 195 miles (314 km) above South America near the end of its 43rd orbit shortly before the air force rocket began its southeasterly climb toward orbit.

### Judge convicted

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (AP): The US Senate yesterday convicted a judge of perjury and conspiracy to obtain a \$150,000 payoff, making him the sixth federal official in the nation's history removed from office by impeachment.

"I have no choice but to accept their judgement," said Alcee L. Hastings, pausing in a drizzle on the Senate steps as he left the chamber. He maintained his innocence, called the trial unfair, pledged to run for governor of Florida and said he would resume the practice of law.

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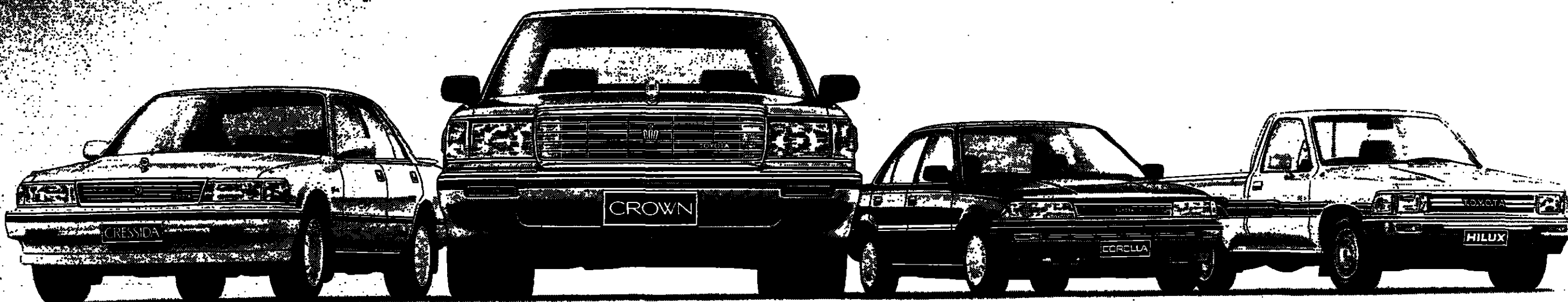
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# First public meeting in Sofia

## Unofficial group discusses ecological problems

SOFIA, Oct. 21. (Reuters): More than 1,000 Bulgarians, encouraged by a lull in government restrictions on dissent, have packed a Sofia cinema for the largest unofficial meeting in four decades of orthodox communist rule.

Some 450 people filled the seats of the cinema for the first public meeting of the environmental group Eco-Glasnost last night. A further 300 crowded the aisles while hundreds more spilled into the foyer and onto the pavement outside.

There were certainly plainclothes police and hecklers among the crowd, but most were supporting us," Eco-Glasnost spokeswoman Dimitra Petrova said after the two-hour meeting which discussed Bulgaria's

ecological problems.

The gathering was held just one day after some 50 human rights activists, outnumbered three to one by plainclothes police and hecklers, held the country's first unofficial gathering without police intervention in more than 40 years.

Eco-Glasnost and other unofficial groups in Bulgaria say they have been harassed by the country's orthodox communist authorities and prevented from registering as official groups or holding public meetings.

However, international interest in a 35-nation environmental conference under way in Sofia seems to have brought a lull in official restrictions on their activities and given them

an unprecedented chance to seek backing at home and abroad.

Popular support for the eight-month-old environmentalist lobby has blossomed. More than 4,500 people have signed a petition urging greater public discussion of a number of national industrial projects.

Petrova said a handful of hecklers who interrupted the meeting were shouted down by audience members.

"There was almost too much handclapping for us, a kind of crazy approval," she said.

Earlier Eco-Glasnost members collecting signatures for the petition defied an order by authorities to move from a central park in Sofia where they were collecting signatures.

# Gorbachev backs new GDR leaders

## Krenz invited to Moscow

EAST BERLIN, Oct. 21. (Agencies): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev gave his backing to new East German leader Egon Krenz today as authorities grappled with a fresh wave of demonstrations for democracy.

In their first conversation since Krenz became communist party chief last Wednesday, Gorbachev congratulated him on his appointment and said the most important thing was to strengthen East Germany's socialist system, the official news agency ADN said.

Gorbachev invited Krenz to visit Moscow in the near future and the new East German leader said the trip would aid the East German reform movement, the East German news agency reported.

In a telephone call, Gorbachev again congratulated Krenz "heartily" on his appointment to replace Erich Honecker, who had ruled East Germany for 18 years, and told him his most important tasks would be to strengthen socialism and safeguard peace, the government news agency said.



Sounding Reagans

The President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy are surrounded by a large crowd of people as they visit Hanoi, Japan. (Reuters wirephoto)

# China activists to settle in Taiwan

BEIJING, Oct. 21. (AP): Three Chinese activists who fled Hong Kong for Taiwan last night said they planned to settle in the island nation. The activists, who were part of a group of 100 people who fled Hong Kong for Taiwan last night, said they planned to settle in the island nation. The activists, who were part of a group of 100 people who fled Hong Kong for Taiwan last night, said they planned to settle in the island nation.

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# Beijing wooing Lama

LHASA, Oct. 21. (Reuters): China is still willing to meet Tibet's spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, to negotiate an end to his exile but on condition he renounces any idea of independence for his homeland, a Chinese official said.

Despite an explosion of anti-Chinese protest and the imposition of martial law in Lhasa in March, Beijing stood by its offer made last year that it was ready to hold talks anywhere at any time, said Gong Liefu, spokesman for Tibet's regional government.

"But the Dalai Lama must recognise that Tibet is an inseparable part of China. That is the most important question," Gong said.

His remarks were the most conciliatory made by China since the March unrest, which Beijing blamed partly on the Dalai Lama and his government-in-exile.

China has also denounced this month's award of the Nobel peace prize to the 54-year-old Buddhist priest.

In recent public statements the Dalai Lama has backed away from calling for total independence, proposing that China be allowed to keep its troops in the vast strategic region of two million people and oversee its foreign affairs.

# Hungary could become neutral

BUDAPEST, Oct. 21. (Agencies): Parliament yesterday adopted legislation that will provide the first free, multiparty elections in 42 years and agreed to proclaim Hungary a Republic on Monday — the anniversary of the ill-fated 1956 uprising.

In a dramatic climax to a historic week at which numerous measures were adopted to transform Hungary from a one-party communist state to a Western-style democracy, the Parliament approved Oct. 23 as a national day of commemoration.

It also accepted the recommendation of Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth that Speaker Matyas Szuros should declare Hungary a republic from the balcony of Parliament at noon — precisely 33 years after the first mass demonstrations for political reform that were doomed by Soviet tanks.

Parliament declined to make Oct. 23 a paid holiday, but at its next session on Oct. 30, it will consider a government proposal for a general referendum on whether to do so for one of three days, including the October anniversary.

The vote on the electoral law was 286-20 with 24 abstentions following extensive debate on how many candidates should be elected on individual merits and how many as members of political parties.

Hungary, shedding communism, could become neutral like Austria or Finland, says Matyas Szuros, a reformer who takes over as interim head of state on Monday.

The 56-year-old speaker of parliament will serve as acting president until a permanent incumbent is elected to the new executive post within months.

A former ambassador to Moscow, he helped shape Hungary's foreign policy from 1983 until last March as secretary of the ruling Communist Party's central committee. He claims close acquaintance with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Szuros takes over on the 33rd anniversary of the uprising. In a dramatic policy reversal, the newly-named ruling Socialist Party yesterday condemned the Soviet crushing of the revolt.

The elected presidency is part of Hungary's conversion, agreed this year between the ruling Communist Party and opposition groups, from a communist state into a multi-party democracy.

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Hungarians are expected to take part in a peaceful rally on Oct. 23, called by 23 opposition groups in front of parliament Monday to mark the 33rd anniversary of the revolt. In the past such rallies were prohibited.

Hungary's largest opposition group, the Democratic Forum, opened a National Congress yesterday to establish a political platform and campaign strategy for multi-party elections scheduled early next year.

A national religious affairs council was founded yesterday to operate as a liaison between religious groups and the government, the official MTI news agency said.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl will visit Hungary in mid-December to discuss ways West Germany can support and encourage reforms in that Warsaw Pact nation, officials announced yesterday.

# Baker nearing decision point

## Likud stance 'unhelpful' for peace

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (Agencies): The effort by Secretary of State James Baker to mediate Israeli-Palestinian talks neared the make-or-break point today, with the State Department still calling success "possible, but not probable."

Baker spoke again by telephone to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and also received a call from Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, discussing the attempt by Baker to put together a framework that would permit an Israeli plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories.

That plan, put forward by Shamir in May, has stalled, partly because of new conditions that Shamir has publicly added, including a pledge, given under pressure from the right wing of his Likud Party, that he would never permit giving up any of the occupied land.

Margaret Tutwiler, spokeswoman for Baker, made an oblique reference to those new conditions by Shamir when she said, "if in the end the parties in the area are not prepared to pursue peace, then progress will not be made. If the parties do not have the will to overcome their political constraints, we cannot produce progress by ourselves."

Administration officials said that a decision by Baker about whether to continue the mediation attempt is "imminent."

Tutwiler said that a statement by Baker made last month in New York about his attempt to bring the parties together still holds. He said in New York, "I believe progress is possible, but not probable."

An administration official said, after three weeks of intense effort by Baker, "at some point, there is a limit to how long you continue if people are not sincere."

The official said that Baker now believes that all parties in the effort are sincere, but he had his spokesmen express the view on Thursday that some hard-line remarks by Shamir to a Likud Party conference were "unhelpful" and disappointing.

In the past week, the PLO in a statement from Baghdad, also rejected Baker's suggestions for bringing the election plan into place.

Tutwiler flatly denied report appearing in two Israeli newspapers yesterday in which the newspapers, quoting anonymous sources, said that Baker had given "guarantees" to the Israelis on several issues including one that the PLO would not be a part of peace negotiations. She said there were no such guarantees or assurances given.

King Hussein of Jordan has reiterated that his country will not negotiate the Palestinian cause on behalf of the PLO.

Hussein, in an interview with the BBC aired last night, renewed Jordan's total support for the

## No more concessions: Habash

# Escalate uprising

KUWAIT, Oct. 21. (Kuna): Secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) Dr. George Habash has said that a change in the Israeli and American positions cannot be secured through more concessions but through escalating and strengthening the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily newspaper, conducted in Moscow, Dr. Habash emphasised that by escalating and deepening the uprising "the leaders of the Zionist entity and the US administration would be forced to respond to the Palestinian initiative presented by the Palestine National Council last year."

Habash said that the Palestinian initiative has all required conditions for resolving the Palestinian crisis, and expressed belief that if no concessions were offered following the announcement of that plan, the current situation would have been better.

He added that the concessions offered by the Palestinian side following the initiative was announced, have given the American administration the impression that by pressuring the PLO, its leadership would give more concessions.

He also said that it is hoped that the Palestinians in territories occupied in 1948 would take part in the uprising, and in such situation the enemy would be obliged to accept the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and to approve the Palestinian national rights.

In an answer to a question about the changes in the Soviet position toward the Middle East crisis, Habash said Moscow believes in four established principles that are: The need for full Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, including Jerusalem and the Golan heights, the right of Israel to exist in secure borders and the international conference as a mechanism for a settlement.

Habash also said that the changes in the Soviet Mideast policy come as a flexibility in tactics without compromising the established principles.

Palestinian cause and stressed importance of the Palestinian people's right to speak for themselves on their national cause.

He expressed belief that Baker is capable of persuading Israel to change its hard position toward Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Jordanian monarch advocated Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's 10-point peace plan and said Mubarak meant to initiate a dialogue between the main parties of the conflict in order to pave the way for the

holding of the international peace conference on Mideast peace.

The PLO had officially rejected both Mubarak 10-point and Baker 5-point's proposal concerning elections in the occupied territories on grounds they were based on Shamir's elections plan.

Vice-Premier Shimon Peres has postponed his planned visit to the Soviet Union indefinitely because Moscow would not guarantee a meeting with Soviet leaders, Israel Radio reported.

# Mini Arab summit to discuss ME peace

BAGHDAD, Oct. 21. (AP): Arab leaders are to meet here within days for a mini summit to discuss faltering peace efforts in the Middle East, Arab diplomatic sources said today.

They said leaders of Egypt, Jordan, North Yemen, Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation will meet probably on Wednesday to discuss Egyptian and US efforts to bring about Israeli-Palestinian peace talks rejected by both Israel and the PLO.

King Hussein of Jordan, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will join President Saddam Hussein in the celebrations marking the reconstruction of its southern port city of Faw. The fanfare is also to start on Wednesday.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the summit was urged by the PLO to canvas support for its latest bid for a peace settlement.

The PLO Central Council meeting here last week called on the Arab countries not to be involved in any peace effort which excludes the Palestinians and does not involve the PLO.

The council opposed the Egyptian and American proposals as designed to impose an Israeli election plan on the Palestinians.

Israel rejected them as they might include talks with PLO representatives.

The sources said Arafat will ask the mini summit to back the Central Council resolutions and refrain from pressuring the PLO to accept peace plans which imply further concessions from the Palestinians.

# Editor's trial postponed

RABAT, Oct. 21. (Reuters): The trial of a Moroccan newspaper editor charged with public order offences for publishing allegations from human rights groups was postponed for a second time yesterday, court sources said.

Mohammed Idrissi Kaitouni of the daily L'Opinion is charged with publishing false information likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Kaitouni, whose trial was postponed to Oct. 26, published without comment a joint statement by the Moroccan Association and League of Human Rights which said four people died in detention in August.

The trial, which opened on Oct. 5 and was immediately adjourned for two weeks at the request of the defence, has become a major political issue.

# Polisario in disarray

## Ex-leader tells of defections

RABAT, Oct. 21. (Reuters): A founding member of the Polisario Front and the most important figure to defect to Morocco in 13 years of fighting over Western Sahara said yesterday the guerrilla group was in disarray.

Omar Hadrami, who quit his post as Polisario representative in Washington in August, said the front had been weakened by defections and internal feuding since its main backer, Algeria, restored diplomatic links with Morocco.

He dismissed a recent renewal of fighting as a last-ditch attempt to restore Polisario morale and show the guerrillas were still in operation and not completely under Algeria's control.

"But now they have to replenish their stocks of petrol and munitions. It will not be easy for them," Hadrami told a news conference in Rabat, the Moroccan capital.

He said there could be a problem for the newly-created Arab Maghreb Union if the guerrillas managed to launch a fresh attack as it would mean they were receiving arms and supplies again.

The five Maghreb states, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Libya and Tunisia, agreed when they set up the union in February that no member state would harbour groups hostile to a fellow member.

The guerrillas now operate in a thin stretch of land between the Mauritanian and Algerian borders and Moroccan defence lines.

Hadrami, who was flanked by five other Polisario members who came over to Morocco after King Hassan promised clemency to all "lost sons" who returned, said the creation of the Maghreb Union was a blow to the Polisario.

# 3 more Arabs killed in uprising

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Oct. 21. (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead an Arab and Palestinian activists killed two others yesterday in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank, the army said.

The army said Iyad Tewfik Al Aas, 17, died of wounds in an Israeli hospital after he was shot in a clash with troops in Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Strip. Al Aas and another masked youth stoned a patrol in the camp and during a struggle Al Aas tried to take a soldier's gun, an army spokeswoman said.

Palestinians said activists of the unified national leadership of the 22-month-old uprising killed Harb Auda Aiyasa, 41, during prayers in a Bureij refugee camp mosque in the Strip.

The sources said Aiyasa was active in the Islamic fundamentalist movement Hamas, which has challenged the uprising leadership in Gaza during the revolt.

In the West Bank city of Nablus, an Arab suspected of working with Israel was found stabbed to death in the old marketplace, the army said.

Local residents said masked activists kidnapped Tahir Abu Saleh, 24, on Thursday, stabbed him and left his body in a peddler's cart.

Palestinians severely beat Zidan Muhammad Nejem, 39, in Gaza's Nuseirat refugee camp, hospital staff said. Local residents said Nejem was a suspected collaborator.

Soldiers clashed with Palestinians waiting to visit inmates at a Gaza detention centre yesterday. "After a soldier was attacked, the visitors were sent home and the visits were stopped," the source said.

Palestinians said two women who tried to stop troops from arresting a youth during the confrontation were shot and injured. Local hospitals reported six others injured in Gaza, including an 18-year-old youth who was transferred to a hospital in Israel after troops shot him in the arm, leg and head.

Troops sealed Bilal mosque in Khan Yunis refugee camp, Palestinian sources said yesterday. It was the fifth mosque in the Strip to be sealed by Israel, the sources said. The first, Al Nasser mosque, has been sealed for four months, they said.

Israeli police launched a search for a Palestinian suspected of strangling seven people to death with a nylon string, officials and radio reports said today.

Police officials said the mass murder apparently resulted from a money dispute between the main suspect and his victims over drugs and prostitution, but would not rule out that the motive was nationalist.

The investigation began yesterday when residents of an impoverished Tel Aviv neighbourhood, Shekhunat Shapira, reported that a smell was coming out of one of the apartments.

Police arrived at the scene to discover the decomposing bodies of two women and one man hidden under mattresses in the apartment, officials said.

They said the investigation led them to the mixed Arab-Jewish Tel Aviv suburb of Jaffa, where the bodies of three women and one man were found inside another apartment.

Assistant inspector-general Yigal Markus, the Tel Aviv police chief, said the main suspect was a Palestinian man from the occupied territories who had a permit to stay in Tel Aviv at night.

Israel's army radio said the suspect apparently strangled his victims with the help of a nylon string.

Police officials said the victims included prostitutes and drug dealers and that some of them were Jews while the others were Arab residents of the occupied territories who also had permits to stay in Tel Aviv.

No further identification of the victims was given pending an autopsy.

Police commissioner Danny Krauss, meanwhile, said the policy of granting permits to Palestinian workers to spend the night in Tel Aviv would be re-evaluated.

# MTI gaining support

BEIJING, Oct. 21. (AP): Public opinion polls by the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea showed a slight rise in the number of people who disapproved of the Kaifu cabinet, to 37 per cent from 35 per cent in September.

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# US praises Soviet proposal on military inspections in Europe

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (AP): The State Department praised a proposal by the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact on military inspections in Europe and said yesterday it was similar to a plan suggested by NATO.

But at least two major differences have surfaced over suggestions for reductions in troops and weapons.

The Soviets and their allies called for limits on military budgets and a freeze on modernising military airfields and bases, said US officials, speaking on condition of

anonymity.

The officials said it was virtually impossible to make accurate comparisons between East and West military spending. They also said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation needs flexibility in improving its installations.

One example is the current restructuring at a base in Italy in order to deploy F16 jet fighter planes being transferred from Spain. "You don't want to find yourself down the road with your physical plants

run down," one of the US officials said.

The Warsaw Pact's acceptance of the US proposal for permanent inspections of military installations, including key transit points, could cause friction within NATO ranks.

Two key members, Britain and France, are opposed to the concept as promoted by the United States and now the Soviet Union.

Negotiations among 23 nations in Vienna are designed to reduce troops,

tanks, artillery and other non-nuclear weapons across Europe.

The warm US reaction to the East's proposal is expected to give arms control initiatives a boost.

One major issue awaiting settlement is how to verify current levels of troops and weapons and subsequent reductions under a treaty President George Bush has predicted would be completed by next May.

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Avril Gilbert, a representative of the Secour Populaire Francise (SPF) hands food and other aid for a Lebanese woman in West Beirut. The aid is donated by the European Economic Community to Lebanese people to help them after six months of bloody battles. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Israel planning to grab S. Lebanon

SLA fortifications strengthened

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, (KUNA): Construction and administrative measures in south Lebanon suggest that Israel is preparing for an extended stay, said the Washington Post yesterday.

The Post quoted military officials in south Lebanon as saying that Israel has invested millions of dollars in the last two years to strengthen a string of fortifications manned by the Israeli-backed south Lebanon (SLA) troops army throughout the security zone, building hardened concrete bunkers and supplying them with tanks and heavy artillery.

According to the report, Israel has poured about \$3.5 million annually into a civil administration that is building schools and clinics, paving roads and setting up its own police force.

The mounting Israeli economic and administrative web in the zone has caused some Lebanese to refer to it caustically as "the north bank," a reference to the Israeli-occupied West Bank, which much of Israel's political leadership is dedicated to annexing, said the Post.

It quoted Maj. Gen. Yossi Peled, the commander of Israeli forces in the north, as saying that he believed the army would maintain the security zone for an extended period.

In the last several years, according to the Post, a broad Israeli consensus in favour of the security zone policy has been buttressed by a stream of military bulletins from the area on clashes between Israel's proxy forces and groups of Palestinians or Shiite Muslim fighters allegedly seeking to penetrate the border.

The Soviet Union yesterday said it was prepared to continue vigorous efforts to end Lebanon's tragic civil war and urged Lebanese deputies meeting in Saudi Arabia to agree on national reconciliation.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a briefing Moscow was closely watching developments in, and involving, Lebanon.

Gerasimov renewed Moscow's support for the Arab League plan for a settlement in Lebanon, saying the plan "provides the means to balance the interests of the (warring) sides."

His remarks came one day after reports that Lebanese deputies meeting in Saudi Arabia for three weeks now in an attempt to endorse the Arab

SLA grabs wanted man

## Unifil denies firefight

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 21, (AP): A UN spokesman today denied reports of a firefight between Norwegian peacekeeping troops and Israeli-backed militiamen in southern Lebanon.

Initial reports from Lebanon said UN peacekeepers clashed for 30 minutes yesterday with a force of the Israeli-trained South Lebanon Army militia which kidnapped a Lebanese man in the town of Shibaa.

The reports said a firefight involving automatic rifles as well as rocket-propelled grenades started after a six-man Norwegian patrol tried to prevent the kidnapping. No injuries were reported.

But Timor Goksel, spokesman for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil), denied there was an exchange of fire.

Goksel said a unit of the South Lebanon Army's security service entered Shibaa to grab a wanted man. After the Norwegian peacekeepers intervened, a militiaman fired a rocket-propelled grenade over their heads, causing no injuries or damage, Goksel said.

He said the Norwegian troops did not return fire. The militiamen withdrew deeper into the Israeli-controlled security zone, taking the detained man with them, he said.

Reports from Lebanon identified the detainee as Mohammed Adib Abdul-Hadi. No further details about him were given.

The 702-strong Norwegian battalion serves with the nine-nation Unifil, which patrols a narrow buffer in the southern provinces of Lebanon separating the security zone from the rest of Lebanon.

League peace plan were about to end their session as divided as they began.

Head of Lebanon's Christian military government Michel Aoun on Thursday was reported to have asked Christian deputies to return from Taif, Saudi Arabia, to Beirut after they failed to secure his demand for a Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman was apparently referring to the stalled Taif talks when

he said "the Lebanese now face the important task of making historic compromise for reviving their country as a sovereign and integral state."

The Lebanese authorities have asked the Italian embassy to clarify why it had tightened visa controls for Lebanese seeking to travel to Italy.

The explanation was sought by Lebanese Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Salah Stetich when he met Italian Ambassador Antonio Mancini.

## State to answer in Saudi tank deal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, (AP): The State Department said yesterday it will respond to questions raised by majority leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri and 28 other House members on the planned 3-billion-dollar sale of 315 modern tanks and other military equipment to Saudi Arabia.

In a letter to Secretary of State James Baker on Thursday, they asked if the purchase was in the US strategic interest, what armour would be included and where the tanks would be deployed.

Rep. Melvin Levine, a Democrat, questioned in an accompanying letter whether the Republican White House had conducted sufficient consultation with Congress.

"In light of the fact that the Saudis have received over \$30 billion worth of military goods and services in the past eight years from the US, I am troubled that they still have yet to meet many basic US policy objectives in the Middle East," Levine wrote.

In a statement yesterday, the State Department called the questions raised in the letter by the 29 members "thoughtful and reasonable." The statement added: "We look forward to answering them thoroughly as we continue our consultations with the Hill about this sale."

The purchase will go through unless it is rejected by majority vote of both the Senate and the House.

## Barre frees 1,278 prisoners

MOGADISHU, Oct. 21, (Agencies): Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre has celebrated 20 years in power by freeing more than 1,000 prisoners and calling on his countrymen to help revive an ailing, war-ravaged economy.

The official Somali News Agency (Sonna) said Siad Barre marked Friday's anniversary by pardoning 1,278 inmates who had committed various crimes but it did not elaborate.

Somalia, accused by Western governments and human rights groups of detaining opponents without trial and committing summary executions, earlier this year released hundreds

of political prisoners.

But Friday's prisoner release is the first since rioting broke out in the capital, Mogadishu, in July.

In a speech to the nation, Siad Barre did not mention the prisoner release but asked his countrymen to support economic reform measures and to stop hoarding cash. Sonna said.

"We are confident that satisfactory results will be realised if reforms are understood and properly carried out," he said.

Somalia suspended its last agreement with the International Monetary Fund in Septem-

ber 1987 but since July has been trying to negotiate new accords.

Last month it said it was squeezing the money supply and had launched a drive to recover bad debts, reforms which had been recommended by the IMF.

Siad Barre has ruled Somalia, a largely arid country bordering the Indian Ocean, with an iron fist since he seized power in a bloodless army coup in 1969.

His small Marehan clan holds most top posts in the government but he faces challenges from tribal-based rebel groups in the North and South.

## Bashir extends Sudan truce

64 burned to death

KHARTOUM, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Sudanese military leader General Hassan Al Bashir, speaking on the final day of a 44-day peace conference today, extended a truce with southern rebels and urged them to abandon war.

"I call on the rebel movement to extend the hand of peace and not the fist of war," Bashir said in a speech on state radio Omdurman.

More than 5,000 people joined celebrations at the end of the peace conference, attended by 100 delegates picked by the military leadership but boycotted by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Diplomats in Khartoum doubted the conference would help achieve peace with the SPLA, fighting since 1983 to end domination of the largely non-Muslim south by the Arabised north.

The conference closed with a recommendation

that Islamic Sharia law and custom form the basis of legislation, which the diplomats said would do little to allay the fears of non-Muslims.

Bashir called on the SPLA to abandon war for the negotiating table and renewed an invitation to the rebels to come to Khartoum for dialogue.

## French diplomat indicted in visa racket

PARIS, Oct. 21, (UPI): A prosecutor indicted a former diplomat yesterday on charges of supplying French passports to pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim fighters operating an espionage network in West Africa.

Diplomatic sources said official had been relieved of his duties and recalled to Paris a cipher clerk at the

French embassy in Dakar, the Senegalese capital, for giving a Shiite clergyman information during negotiations for the release of French hostages in Beirut.

In another development, the French Foreign Ministry confirmed a report in L'Express magazine that a consular agent at Tunis, Tunisia, had

been disciplined for selling visas to enter France.

The Quai D'Orsay did not say to whom the visas were issued. It said it had "no knowledge" regarding another media report of irregularities at its embassy in Brazzaville, Congo.

## Morocco elected president

RABAT, Oct. 21, (Reuters): Fifty parliamentarians from five north African states yesterday elected Moroccan parliamentary Speaker Ahmed Osman as the first president of the Maghreb assembly.

The assembly is an advisory body created when Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania and Libya buried years of distrust last February to link up in the Arab Maghreb Union on the lines of the European Economic Community.

The assembly's inaugural meeting coincided with renewed strains in the area following two attacks against Morocco by guerrillas of the Polisario Front, fighting for the independence of Western Sahara, in which both sides suffered heavy losses.

Morocco, which occupies four fifths of the disputed former Spanish colony, said the attacks were launched from Mauritania.

Mauritania denied the charge, saying the guerrillas were operating in a thin stretch of land between the frontier and Moroccan defence lines.



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Stands out for taste

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

**Ben-Amotz dead:** Dan Ben-Amotz, a Bohemian author who was seen as a symbol of modern Israel died yesterday, six months after he said good-bye to his friends at a night-club funeral bash. He was 66.

At the gala April party Ben-Amotz threw after doctors diagnosed his liver cancer as incurable, Ben-Amotz read a farewell letter to some 300 friends and socialites who gathered to give their final regards.

"I want to suffer my damn life to the end," he said. Ben-Amotz explained that he threw the party so he could enjoy one last time his friends before his health deteriorated.

To many Israelis, the husky, bearded Ben-Amotz was a cultural icon who set the style for Sabras, as native-born Israelis are called after the prickly cactus fruit that is tough on the outside and sweet on the inside.

Ben-Amotz, a Jewish refugee was born as Moïshe Tcheimzenger in Poland. He lost his parents in the Nazi Holocaust. He symbolised modern Israeli Jews trying to reject their tragic European past. (AP)

**Official visit:** Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Esmat Abdel Meguid will pay an official visit to Belgium on November 5th for talks with government leaders.

The Egyptian diplomat will encounter European Economic Community foreign ministers to discuss the recent developments in the Middle East and the role EEC can play to boost the peace process, Radio Cairo reported today.

Talks will also focus on relations linking Egypt and the EEC and ways of bolstering them in various fields.

On the other hand, the EEC said yesterday that it will allocate more than \$5 million for development projects in the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank. (Kuna)

**Rushdie's book: A time-bomb:** A British Muslim leader said today that Britain could face an explosion of violence if Salman Rushdie's controversial novel "The Satanic Verses" was not banned.

Kalim Siddiqui said there was an "uneasy stalemate" between Muslims and defenders of Rushdie, who has been in hiding since the late Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini ordered his death in February for blaspheming against Islam.

"Even if leaders of the Muslim community in Britain were to succeed in preventing this stalemate boiling over into violent conflict, which is by no means certain, continuing publication and distribution of The Satanic Verses will represent a time bomb set to explode some time in the future," Siddiqui said. (Reuters)

**Euro-Arab dialogue:** Preparations are currently under way to organise a meeting for Euro-Arab chief diplomats before the end of this year, well informed French sources told Kuna here today.

The French sources acknowledged presence of "political" obstacles that impeded holding that meeting in the past years and led to freezing the Euro-Arab dialogue since 1983.

They noted that the European Economic Community, now grouping 12 countries, does not mind attending such a meeting at present but that certain differences still exist with the Arab party over points which did not win European unanimity.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi had conferred with French President Francois Mitterrand for 40 minutes last night over Euro-Arab dialogue which started in the 1970s.

Klibi later told reporters that elevating Euro-Arab dialogue from the technical to the ministerial level was still being arranged. (Kuna)

**Malaysian youths welcome:** The youth movement of the Malaysian ruling United Malays National Organisation (Umno) yesterday welcomed the Indonesian government's decision to establish diplomatic relations with the Palestine interim government beginning yesterday.

The chairman for the movement's international bureau for Muslim countries and the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Conference), Haji Mustapha Yaakub said the move showed that the struggle of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip through the "intifada" received international support.

"Indonesian-Palestinian diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level symbolises a new era between Palestine and Asian nations especially with the upcoming symposium of non-government bodies at Asian level on Palestine organised by the UN, to be held here from Dec 18 to 22," he said.

Haji Mustapha expressed the hope that more Asian nations would recognise the Palestine interim government and have diplomatic relations with it. (Kuna)

**Arab ministers discuss:** Arab transport ministers met in Baghdad today to co-ordinate ways to combat aircraft hijacking and piracy at sea.

The two-day meeting, opened by Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, plans to establish an Arab commission to serve merchant ships.

It will also consider a convention of preventing piracy at sea and discuss an Iraqi-sponsored plan to safeguard civil aircraft against hijacking.



## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Food security accorded top priority, says Maarafi

## OIC member states told to establish strategic stores

ACHIEVING food security has been accorded top priority at the local and international level as it constitutes the most basic need of every human in the world. Amir Maarafi, director of external technical relations department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources said.

Severe droughts, famine, ecological changes due to the "greenhouse effect" caused by fluorocarbons, the increase in world population have all been cited by international bodies and organisations as warnings of the dangers of the occurrence of famine, the

official said.

Talking about the situation, Maarafi said that presently there are more than 400 million people in the world who suffer from a lack of food — primarily, hunger and malnutrition have attacked the poor countries of the Third World.

He disclosed that there is increasing shortage in the level of strategic stores of foodstuffs and this has particularly prompted the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) which comprises 44 Islamic countries to call on member states to establish a strategic store of

cereals to address the "pathetic scene of hunger and famine" the Islamic world is witnessing.

Maarafi said that agricultural development and planning has not kept pace with the increase in population growth, specially in the Third World countries and this has caused serious problems to these countries in their efforts to obtain this basic necessity.

Elucidating, he said due to the shortage in foodstuffs, prices in the international market had registered phenomenal increases and placed an

unbearable financial burden on cash-strapped countries of the Third World, causing many of these countries to reach a state of "financial bondage."

In a move designed to extricate themselves from this "financial dilemma," many countries of the Third World which have good agricultural land preferred to plant certain products like coffee, tea and cocoa which on the export market bring in the much needed hard currency. These products are produced at the cost of neglecting the production of agriculture that could effectively contribute

to achieving food security in the appropriate sense of the meaning, Maarafi said.

On the reverse side of this coin, the official said, that in these same countries, people are seeing as becoming more poor because a limited class of citizens (landowners) dictate the production of items that will bring in the hard currency.

The scenario is further compounded with the actions (or inactions) of rich and technological advanced countries who do not provide the poor and developing countries with the needed

technology transfer for increasing the production of their agricultural base.

The official called for an increase in the exchange of technological transfer from the haves to the have-nots and also called for co-ordination between the countries that produce foodstuffs and those who consume.

Maarafi said that these countries have used the supply of foodstuffs to poor countries as "a formidable tool of blackmail" and a political weapon.

Maarafi pointed out that an increase in food production individually cannot achieve food

security. This should be followed by an equitable distribution among all classes of people. Food security can be achieved by addressing amongst several other items, the following criteria:

- Giving priority to projects of agricultural development and food security.
- Developing of national cadres to be able to replace foreign experts
- Supporting scientific research in different agricultural areas.
- Application of modern techniques in agricultural production.



PBAK members at the picnic. New Philippines envoy Mauryag Tamano is at centre. (left picture)

## Philippine Bowling Association goes outdoors

By Sonny R. Mariano

AFTER months of hectic bowling schedule the Philippine Bowling Association in Kuwait (PBAK) took a breather from gruelling competitions with a picnic last Friday. The officers and members as well as friends spent the whole day at Mangaf Beach well away from the deafening sound of bowling pins. Aside from feasting on the different kinds of goodies chipped in by those who attended,

everybody had the time of their life in the fun games that were played. The winners received surprise gifts donated by PBAK officers.

A special guest was also present in the person of His Excellency the newly appointed Ambassador of the Philippines to Kuwait Mauryag Mohd. Tamano and family. PBAK on behalf of its officers and members wishes to thank the good Ambassador and his family for taking time out to grace the

occasion.

Special thanks also goes to the Ultimate Band who provided the live music entertainment the whole afternoon.

Coming up this Thursday and Friday (Oct 26-27) is the elimination round of the third Masters Open Bowling Tournament sponsored by Far East Restaurant for the third consecutive year. The qualified bowlers in both men and women's division will play a six game series this weekend to determine the semi-

finalist who will again play next week. In the men's division the top 22 after six games will join Bob Peek and Nafez the previous champions and play another six games to determine the top six bowlers who will vie for the title via the step ladder finals. In the women's division, the top 8 after six games will join defending champion Eva Sabay for a final 3 game series that will determine final top five players.

Registration and payment of tournament fees will be until Oct

25 (Wednesday). Failure to do so will mean forfeiture of their chance to playing slots.

Meanwhile the awarding ceremonies of the just concluded PBAK Inter Commercial Bowling League will be on Nov 3 to held at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 7.00 pm. All awardees are requested to come early.

All PBAK officers are reminded to submit a passport size ID picture (which will be used in the associations annual book) to Ms Bojo Hamdan.

## Philippines ambassador designate welcomed

THE new Philippine Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Dr Mauryag Mohammad Tamano, together with his wife, Haja Norie and two sons, arrived to a very warm and well-attended welcome last Monday evening, October 16.

The members of the Philippine embassy staff, headed by Consul Olivia V. Palala, senior officials of the other Asean missions, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand, and prominent members of the Filipino community, like Manny Inserto, President of Kapilku, Rico Pino, President of the Philippine Bowling Association in Kuwait, Dick Orense of the Filipino Cultural Club, as well as Muslim students were also on hand to greet and welcome the new Philippine ambassador and his family.

Dr Tamano is not new to the diplomatic field, having just finished a successful tour as Philippine ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He comes to the State of Kuwait with a very vast understanding of Arab and Muslim culture, he being a Filipino Muslim himself. He is a respected academician, having headed the prestigious Mindanao State University while in the Philippines, and in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, prior to his appointment as ambassador, he was full Professor at the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs of the King Abdulaziz University, a state university in the kingdom, for eight years.

## Congress (I) will bag majority in Kerala elections: Thomas

### Attention to NRI problems

By Sonny Abraham  
Arab Times staff

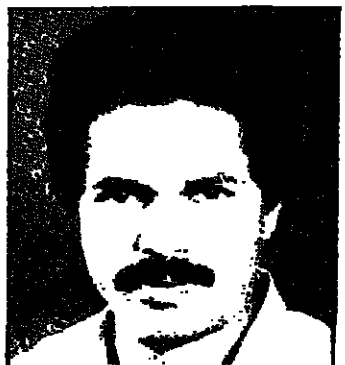
THE opposition's role in defeating the twin constitutional amendment bills aimed at devolving more powers to the rural and urban local bodies will be one of the main talking points of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) in next month's general elections in India.

This was stated here today by P.T. Thomas, a prominent Youth Congress leader from Kerala, who is currently on a tour of the Gulf countries, on his way back from Venice where he had led a four-member Indian delegation to the International Youth Meet.

Thomas was confident that the Congress (I) would bag a majority of the 20 Lok Sabha (lower house) seats from Kerala. In the last elections in late 1984, the party had managed to win 13 seats from the state.

Thomas said he was optimistic about his party's chances because the left front government in the state had not been able to live up to many of the promises it had made during its election campaign. Further, the law and order situation had considerably deteriorated during the present government's rule in the state, he claimed.

In his view, the move to lower the voting age to 18 years would benefit the Congress (I). An indication of this was the victory



Thomas... confident

of the Kerala Students Union, which owes allegiance to his party, had won elections in two universities and was hopeful of returning to power in the other two.

Apart from the defeated bills, the Congress (I) campaign would centre around such themes as employment schemes, the reservation of seats in elected bodies for women and the various measures taken by the central government for the welfare of the downtrodden, Thomas said.

Asked how his party would counter the campaign against corruption launched in high

places, Thomas said top opposition leaders were themselves tainted. Moreover, the opposition had distanced itself from all moves aimed at establishing the truth in the Bofors scandal, he said.

He quoted the example of the opposition boycott of the Joint Parliamentary Committee set up to probe the Bofors affair after demanding it in the first place. They only wanted to keep the issue alive till the elections, he charged.

On the problems of non-resident Indians, Thomas said the Kerala Congress chief A.K. Anthony had recently sent a memorandum to the Prime Minister in this regard. Among other things, he had drawn Gandhi's attention to the problems faced by Indians living abroad at the hands of Air-India and the various Indian embassies.

Thomas, a member of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee, is a former general secretary of the State Youth Congress. He is also one of the seven non-official members of the National Youth Advisory Council under the Human Resources Development Ministry.

## Admissions at PAAET begin from November 6

THE director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Dr Abdul Rahman Al Muhallan said that the authority will start registration of students seeking enrolments at its various colleges and centres for the second study term as of November 6 to 20.

He told a local daily in a telephone interview that the authority had seats for about 2,735 students, of whom 1,985 were secondary school science and arts graduates who would register in its four colleges, and the rest would join the communications, aviation and other special courses centres.

Muhallan pointed out that percentage of expatriate students and those from the GCC to be admitted is only 15 per cent of the total number of students to be accepted.

He added that the authority was considering accepting the children of military personnel, and that the authority would entertain applications for registrations submitted by students scoring over 65 per cent in arts subject and 55 per cent for students of science.

### Aggregates

He also said that students graduating from the College of Basic Education applying to the authority would need a total aggregate of 55 per cent and students from Arab countries and the GCC nationals would have to have scored over 90 per cent.

He said that the authority had allocated 955 seats for boys joining in the second term compared to 930 for girls, pointing out that the authority would accept 150 students of both sexes at the Air Communications and Aviation Centre, and 610 others for related courses, of whom 65 are girls.

He also said that the number of students to be accepted at the various centres and courses during the second term would be raised to 760. The available specialisations for this term would include Islamic religious course, Arabic, Sciences, Maths, Painting, Physical Training and Education, Libraries, Educational Techniques, Music, Domestic Care, Interior Design, Electrical Science, Administration and Secretarial Techniques, Computers, Banking Services, Insurance, Postal Services, medical secretarial work, Paramedics, Pharmaceuticals, Environmental Science, and Commercial Studies.

## Arabs to include environ planning in development

### Pollution 32pc lower in Shuaiba

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

FACED with the rapid degradation of the environment, Arab researchers are pushing for a comprehensive review of environmental issues and their inclusion into the Arab states' development plans. In that they are seeking help from their European counterparts who have developed training programmes for environmental planners.

"We are going to look at Western courses in environmental economic analysis and see how we can restructure them so that they can serve our purpose as well," said Ahmed Al Kawaz of the Arab Planning Institute at the start of a week-long workshop on environmental issues in development planning currently held in Kuwait. The workshop, jointly organised by the Arab Planning Institute, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme offices in Bahrain and Nairobi, Kenya and the Bahrain-based Arabian Gulf University, has brought together some 30 experts from the Arab world as well as Britain, Sweden and New Zealand.

The rapid pace of urbanisation and industrialisation in the Gulf states calls for increased attention to environmental factors so that their development will be more sustainable and efficient, said Salih Osman of United Nations Environment Programme office in Bahrain. A regional effort to control land-based domestic and industrial pollution and protect marine resources is a must, he added.

### Growth

The protection of the marine environment is not only aimed at preserving fish resources but also to keep sea water, which feeds desalination plants, clean he said.

Experts were urged to define the extent to which Arab countries can go in trading off their industrial growth for environmental degradation. This could help policy makers decide on the size and mix of industrial operations in their countries.

The approach to environmental issues in Arab development plans has been patchy at best, researchers said. The lack of methods and techniques in



Ahmed Al Kawaz



Salih Osman

environmental planning that would help force the authorities to accommodate environmentalists' demands has hampered their cause. Lack of information, negligence, the pursuit of financial gains and political decisions are also responsible for sidelining the environmental issues in development planning.

In Bahrain, for example, the cost of dredging and land reclamation, which destroyed and damaged some areas of the marine habitat, is about 0.300 Bahraini dinars (BD) per square foot while the selling price is more than BD 3, according to Ismail Al Madany of the Arabian Gulf University.

### Legislation

Competing with the prospect of such financial gains the environmental issues are often brushed aside. In fact, uncontrolled dredging and reclamation have caused irreparable damage to coral reefs, sea-grass beds and sand flats which are the prime grounds for fish and shrimp. Madany told the gathering. This has already caused a decline in the local fishing industry and a rise in fish imports. In addition, dredging and land reclamation have seriously affected the ground water resources in

Bahrain some of which are no longer suitable for domestic and agricultural use.

Nothing short of specific legislation, Madany said, would be sufficient to control reclamation activity, he stressed. He also called for detailed environmental impact assessment and social cost-benefit analysis before any new dredging and reclamation activity, and urged the contractors to use alternative methods for reclamation to minimise the adverse effects.

### Benefit

But the researchers had some good news to report as well. After a grim report on the high level of pollution in Kuwait's Shuaiba Industrial Area in the 1970s, 33 pollution control projects were started reducing the health damage associated with environmental degradation by 32 per cent. The benefit-cost study of 17 of these projects, although plagued by lack of data, left no doubt about the total environmental benefits of pollution control, researchers from the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research said. But they urged authorities to channel more funds toward environment protection in the area and introduce further measures to reduce health damage.

## Hatid-Saya 89 tickets on sale

TICKETS have started being sold by representatives of the seven Filipino organizations and at the Catholic Church, both in Ahmadi and in the City since last Friday, 20 October. The schedule of sale is as follows:

In Ahmadi:  
5.00-6.00 pm — every Friday, just before the 6.00 pm Mass; 4.00-5.00 pm — every Sunday, just before the 5.00 pm Mass.

In the City:  
4.30-5.30 pm — every Saturday, just before the 5.30 pm Mass; 5.00-6.00 pm — every Sunday, just before the 6.00 pm Mass.

Tickets will also be on sale at the following outlets:  
In the City: Mabuhay Restaurant, Kabayan Restaurant, Reda's Garment & Toys Shop — Tel. 2451-663, Mayette Castro (Al-Dawlah) — Tel. 2400285.

Outside Kuwait City: Al Sawan Company, Commercial Area, Fahaeel (c/o Yang Gabutero-Palomata); Sunflower Restaurant — Fahaeel (c/o Andy/Cindy Suaverdez); Alghanim Company — Jahra (c/o Mr. Bong Leomo); Philippine Embassy — Rawda (c/o Taha Guinomia) — Tel. 2521754/2522034; Abraq Kheitan Ladies' Salon — Farwaniya (c/o Cely Pacia Tel. 4710111).

Other outlets will be announced later. All of above outlets will be selling only up to Sunday, November 5, 1989 at the latest, except at the Philippine Embassy.

Donors are invited to sponsor the show for KD50 which will automatically entitle them to two front-row complimentary seats aside from their name being printed as Donor in the Programme. Please address all donations to the Philippine Embassy c/o Consul Palala, Labatt Marin and/or Mr. Taha Guinomia.

Any questions about Hatid-Saya '89 will be entertained by Ms Rose Nacario of the Philippine Embassy (Tel. 2521754/2522034/2524398). Remember the date: it's November 12, 1989, Sunday.

The place: Kuwait Regency Palace's Grand Ballroom.

The time: 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

The affair: Hatid-Saya '89.

Lastly, let us repeat the warning given last week: that video cameras will not be allowed during the show. Anybody bringing in a video will be banned from entry, his camera confiscated, and his ticket refunded.

More announcements about Hatid-Saya '89 later.

## Nasser to open UPW exhibition in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 20, (Kuna): Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah next week opens the Palestinian Heritage Exhibition.

The event, organised by the General Union of Palestinian Women in Kuwait, includes display of Palestinian embroideries, paintings, books, folklore dresses and other heritage items.

The opening ceremony will be at 06:00 pm local time on Tuesday, October 24 and the exhibition, held at the International Fair Grounds in Mishref, will last till Friday.

Doors will be open for the public as follows: Tuesday from 6-9 pm, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and from 4:30 pm to 08:30 pm, and on Friday it will be open from 10 am to 1 pm and from 03:00 pm to 08:00 pm.

The exhibition marks several occasions such as the Solidarity Day with the Palestinian People, the Balfour Declaration, the Palestinian Independence Day and other anniversaries.

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## Quality control Consumer trust essential

THE controller of the Quality Control Centre at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Sheikh Al Bader stressed that issuing quality control certificates for commodities by a neutral authority will strengthen consumer trust. She supported the centre's readiness to present its services by testing samples from different products aimed at indicating its quality and type. She said that the centre is ready to receive samples of construction materials from citizens to ensure the quality of cement mixtures. Additionally, factory owners are also welcome to present their samples. Alternatively, employees at the centre are willing to go to any site to take these samples.

She indicated that the decision was not compulsory for factory owners stressing that having a quality control stamp will back up the marketing of the commodity and is considered as a good form of advertisement for that particular commodity.

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## Indian exams

A PRE-55 release from the Indian Embassy in Kuwait has said that the MA/BA examinations of Punjab University, Patiala will be held at the Indian Embassy premises from 11.30 to 14.30 hrs w.e.f. 23rd October 1989. Concerned candidates are requested to reach Embassy well in time.







## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MARRIAGE is an adventure, like going to war — G.K. Chesterton, English writer (1874-1936).

## Black Hebrews maintain faith

No employment rights

ANYONE claiming direct descent from the Biblical forefathers of Judaism can usually find a warm welcome in modern Israel.

But a group of blacks, most from the slums of Chicago's south side, has spent 20 years struggling to lay down roots in a country which has so far refused to accept them as Jews.

Called Black Hebrews by the media, they have never been given legal status and have no access to medical, social or educational services. Since 1986 the 2,000-strong community has had no employment rights either.

Under the absolute rule of spiritual leader Ben Ami Carter, the Black Hebrews achieved notoriety in the 1970s by claiming sole trusteeship of the Jewish state.

But lately they have adopted a less antagonistic approach. Instead of calling Israel racist for refusing to accept him and his followers, Carter now defines the Black Hebrews as an "integral part of the state of Israel and the Jewish people."

This new diplomacy may pay off. In August Interior Minister Arye Deri became the first senior Israeli leader to meet Carter.

A committee appointed by Deri to study the situation should report 1 November and aides said the minister is determined to regularise the group's status.

"It's the same problem for many years but it has to be solved," jokeswoman Tova Elinson said.

Ironically Deri is a member of the ultra-orthodox Shas Religious party which has fought to restrict the definition of who is a Jew.

"Just the fact that the meeting took place is a good indication," said ada Bat-Israel, a Black Hebrew spokeswoman. She said the community's goal was permanent residency status, giving them the basic rights of a Jew.

The Black Hebrews — who call themselves Hebrew Israelites — came to Israel gradually as tourists from 1969. Most of them renounced their US citizenship, making it impossible for the Israeli authorities to deport them back to Chicago.

Since the employment ban in 1986, several dozen have been expelled for working illegally. But Jerusalem has shied away from tougher measures, fearing the disapproval of blacks within the US Congress which approves aid to Israel.

The Black Hebrews have built families and communities in the desert development towns of Dimona, Arad and Mitzpe Ramon, mostly in shanty towns of cramped living conditions.

"We have no desire to be any place other than here," Yada says. "We raised children and prepared them for life in this country."

While the status of Black Hebrews is unresolved, most of their babies are born stateless.

he dilapidated Dimona absorption centre where 1,200 of them live ursting at the seams. Large families crammed into four-room homes porches and storage alcoves to provide extra bed space.

arter hopes the government will permit the Black Hebrews to settle collective farms where they could pursue experiments with organic culture.

uch an arrangement would discourage assimilation of Black Hebrews into Israeli culture and permit the 49-year-old leader to maintain absolute authority within the community.

he Black Hebrews have little in common with mainstream Judaism. y dismiss the rabbis' teachings on Biblical law and take the old amment literally.

ten may take up to seven wives. The strict vegetarian diet bears no mbance to Jewish dietary laws. Black Hebrews eat no dairy lucts or eggs and separate fruit and vegetable dishes.

arter, with three wives, dominates the community, supported by a r of nine "priests". One Black Hebrew described him as "more than der — he's like my god."

arter said he would welcome the opportunity to deliver his message ael citizens. "I just want them to hear my position, our position. I feel the spiritual position as I've been given by the omnipotent of Israel."

We would like to see Israel fulfilling her prophetic destiny as the tual centre for all humanity and the light unto all nations."

ery Black Hebrew child is weaned on Carter's philosophy that k Hebrews are the chosen people of the god of Israel and the United s is a bastion of racism and oppression.

merica to us is like slavery. To go back to America would be like de to me," says 24-year-old Aharon, who arrived in Israel at age

ke most adult Black Hebrews, Aharon has renounced his US nship to avoid deportation. But the community nevertheless tains close contact with the US Embassy.

ve try to represent them as if they were American citizens, even h we are fully aware that they are not," one embassy official said. mbassador William Brown discusses the Black Hebrews with Deri arly.

rier said he hoped his improved relations with Israeli officials d result in legal status for the Black Hebrews.

're never going to be slaves again. We're never going to return to nited States again — that's not even an option," he said. ona, Israel — Reuters)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 992 — England's King Henry VII begins siege of Boulogne in France.
- 1211 — Peter the Great takes title of Czar of all Russia.
- 1859 — Spain declares war on Morocco in Morocco.
- 1862 — Garrison in Athens, Greece, revolts, forcing King Otto to resign.
- 73 — Emperors of Germany, Russia and Austria-Hungary form alliance.
- 52 — Iran breaks diplomatic relations with Britain over oil dispute.
- 53 — France grants independence to Indochina kingdom of Laos.
- 56 — Demonstrations in Hungary call for democratic government.
- 62 — President John F. Kennedy orders US air and naval forces to quarantine Cuba after concluding that Soviet missile ships are being built on that island.
- 58 — Arab commando bombs kill 13 people in occupied Jerusalem market.
- 59 — Lebanon's Premier Rashid Karami resigns amid mounting pressure against his government's attempt to suppress a communist movement.
- 4 — United States and Iceland sign new lease permitting continued operations of US military bases in Iceland.
- 7 — Forty-two nations ask UN General Assembly to take problems of airplane hijackings.
- 7 — Iranian missile crashes into Kuwait's offshore super-tanker terminal, setting facility ablaze.
- 8 — Iraq announces it will release unilaterally 25 Iranian prisoners of war in accordance with United Nations ceasefire resolution.

## INSIDE WASHINGTON

It's risky for Gorbachev to introduce radical changes

## Cautious approach favoured

THE most passionate, divisive and in many ways, most crucial debate swirling around Mikhail Gorbachev's head is whether a cautious or radical approach is the way to assure the success of perestroika. The Soviet leader's own future may well depend on the final outcome of this debate.

The man with the greatest influence on Gorbachev's thinking as far as perestroika is concerned is Leonid I. Abalkin, deputy prime minister for economic reform. I have an unusual opportunity of meeting him and hearing him expound on the current economic crisis, which he called "grave" and on why his advice to Gorbachev is to go the cautious road. Physically he is an unassuming man, but intellectually he exudes conviction, strength, resilience and deep knowledge in the field of economics and, specifically, in the complexities surrounding perestroika. Standing he looks relatively short because of a slight stoop, but answering questions he sounds tall, full of nervous energy and limitlessly committed to his task and to his boss.

Only two days earlier he had to defend Gorbachev's policies before the Supreme Soviet. Not an easy exercise before such a critical audience and in a country not used to democracy and public debate. He was peppered with hostile questions for three hours and at times Gorbachev had to come to his defence.

Abalkin favours the cautious approach and so does Gorbachev. He explained to me in no uncertain terms that it is above all the "extreme tensions of the social situation in the Soviet Union that makes it risky to introduce radical measures such as price reform or the convertibility of the rouble. Price reform, he explained, may have to be left as the final act of perestroika because it would involve sharp cuts in the subsidies of essential foods and products and would thus allow prices to rise to an extent that many people would then be unable to afford the basic consumer goods necessary for every-day life, such as potatoes, vegetables, fruit, salt, sugar, some of which are currently rationed."

"You must not forget," he said, "that price reform is a gamble. It involves high risk and means gambling with the reaction of millions of people. It could also mean risking the future of perestroika altogether. It simply cannot be introduced in a swoop, it may take six years..."

Reforming the property laws is also full of difficulties, because it means acquiring state properties by individuals which traditionally has been frowned upon. A Soviet citizen, for instance, can buy the apartment he is presently leasing from the state, but very few have the incentive to do so because rents are very cheap.

Liberalising the laws for co-operatives, which are designed to encourage private enterprise, goes against the deeply rooted idea of egalitarianism. Most of the individuals who had the courage to create their own co-operatives usually make more money than say, factory worker, farmer or government bureaucrat. And since many, as for instance, the owners of private restaurants, rely on foreigners as their clients, they can demand hard currency in payment for the meals which in turn gives them the possibility of travelling abroad, a privilege few can afford unless they are invited by friends who live abroad. One of them told me that he earns as much as \$1,500 a day. From that income he has to pay his staff and for the supplies, but he can keep net about \$630 a week which is more than double anybody else can earn.

But the ability to defy egalitarianism has aroused such deep resentments that coops of various kinds, but especially restaurants, are often attacked by hoodlums who break up furniture or steal food. One of the owners of such a restaurant told me that he has a staff of 13 which includes two security guards.

During a debate in the Supreme Soviet there was a widespread demand for these coops to be closed down by the government. Abalkin barely stayed off a resolution to this effect. He believes that the resolution would probably have been passed if it had come to a vote. This, despite the fact that the government charges a licensing fee for coops and imposes heavy taxes on profits.

Abalkin admitted that his economic staff had studied how Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher went about the privatisation of some of those major state assets that had been nationalised under earlier Labour governments (the term "privatisation" is called "de-statisation in Russian) by selling them cheaply to members of the middle-classes. But to follow her example, he said, "is virtually impossible



Mikhail Gorbachev: perestroika

in the Soviet Union because there is no middle-class since people get everything free of charge from the state. Moreover, it takes time for people to move from one state of mind to another."

Another major problem, Abalkin pointed out, is the conservative right-wing opposition which, in his view, is gaining strength because it appeals to certain parts of society "as the true defenders of the Russian way. They appeal to certain national sentiments, to certain moods of nostalgia for the past when people — ordinary people, and they are the vast majority could rely on the state to provide them with everything. They play on the discontent caused by the rise of prices and the lack of food and consumer goods. Therefore if we moved faster with perestroika and adopted more radical policies, we might not be able to prevent a shift to the right."

Before Abalkin joined the government, he was a highly respected economist and head of the Institute of Economics, the highest economic planning body. Reminded of it, he confessed that "it is much easier to be a radical outside than inside the government. Easier too is to propose radical solutions when one has no responsibility for carrying them out. Furthermore, I think differently today than I did three years ago."

When asked whether, as a former academic, he could adopt a more Olympian view, that of a man who stays above the battle, he said, that "he finds it difficult to take a scientist's detached political view because in government it is difficult to be impartial." Then, he added, with a slight smile: "Even if I had my eyes blindfolded, I could not be impartial about my opponents, especially those who do not adhere to parliamentary methods."

To illustrate how difficult it is to reach a consensus, he added, that it is not only the conservative right, but also the radical left that is troublesome, for it wants the problems of perestroika to be resolved "in one leap and that means introducing the free market and a convertible rouble right away. A deputy to the Supreme Soviet, he recalled, asked him what would happen if he proposed a resolution asking for the convertibility of the rouble by January first. "I told him," Abalkin said, "that if he went ahead with such a resolution the Supreme Soviet might well vote in favour of it, but that would not change anything in the sense that convertibility could not be carried out; it simply is not practical."

"Members of the Supreme Soviet like to appeal to the public to gain popularity and to be shown on

television how active they are? It is a technique not unfamiliar to members of the US Congress. Adopting these extreme positions enervates the two parties, the radicals of the right and the left, but, Abalkin said, "it leads to political polarisation that can become quite extreme and complicate progress for perestroika." He admitted that he and his staff have yet to produce a final governmental position on perestroika and that many questions have remained undecided because it is simply not easy to reach a consensus on which to base firm conclusions.

"One of our problems is that there are less than 20 economists in the Soviet Union who know how a free market operates and how to create it while production remains under the monopoly control of the government." It is for this reason in particular that Secretary of State James Baker's offer to send a team of American experts to Moscow to help in the planning of L. Malkevich, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and co-chairman of the US-USSR Trade and Economic Council made a similar proposal in a meeting with a number of American businessmen I attended. However, I also heard other Soviet economists say that the trouble with such a delegation is that they would not be familiar with the intricacies of what is called a "command economy" such as the Soviet Union to find a bridge to a free market economy.

One of the many problems Abalkin and his people are wrestling with is the fact that the Soviet constitution makes no provisions for the idea of joint property ownership. It is going to be very important for foreigners who are willing to invest in the Soviet Union, for they want, not surprisingly, their ownership guaranteed against expropriation not only by the federal but also by state law. A separate legal issue whether an international agreement will be subject to internal laws or not. The issue becomes particularly complicated when a foreigner acquires land or, say, mineral rights. Abalkin is confident that international agreements will have priority over state or local laws, but conservatives may well put up a fight.

As a measure of the problems Gorbachev is facing, Abalkin said that "throughout the post-war period we did not face a situation as difficult as the one we are facing now. But you must remember that it took 200 years for the free market to develop in the West and we are expected to introduce far-reaching and dramatic changes virtually overnight."

## Soviet forces draw battle lines

Local polls due in seven weeks

THE sacking of Pravda's editor and new charges against Boris Yeltsin reflect a growing feud between Soviet conservative and radical forces as they draw battle lines for local elections.

With local polls due in seven weeks and elections to the 15 republican legislatures starting in February, Soviet politics are polarising in a way they have not done since the late 1920s.

"In a sense it is starting to look like the formation of political parties," said a Western diplomat who specialises in internal Soviet affairs. "We are seeing a new era of political life which is much more polarised, and which is setting the stage for the elections."

In recent days Soviet media and officials have made numerous attacks on radical deputies and editors — notably on Monday when the interior minister accused communist maverick Yeltsin of faking an assassination attempt.

But just as the radicals feared the tide was turning against them the conservative editor-in-chief of the Communist Party daily Pravda, Viktor Afanasyev, was sacked on Thursday.

President Mikhail Gorbachev, under pressure from both right and left, appeared to be playing both sides of the fence.

While he undoubtedly approved Afanasyev's sacking, he also sought removal of the liberal editor of the newspaper Argumenty i Fakty and, at a closed-door meeting with editors a week ago, denounced the media for spreading alarm.

"Reading the press you get the feeling you are standing knee-deep in petrol. All you need is a spark," Gorbachev said, according to Moscow News editor Yegor Yakovlev.

The turbulence reflects a conservative backlash against both Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms and reformist deputies like Yeltsin and outspoken historian Yuri Afanasyev.



Boris Yeltsin: feud

More than at any time since Gorbachev came to power in 1985, conservatives are openly organising and criticising measures and personalities they don't like.

Workers from 29 cities last month formed a "Unified Front of Workers of Russia" to oppose radical economic reforms and defend Russians from nationalist movements in other Soviet republics.

By blaming Soviet economic chaos on perestroika, the front has attracted support from other conservative groups such as the Russian Writers' Union and the all-union Trade Union Federation.

## Failaka experience

ON Oct 11, I joined a party of ten adults including women and five children on an excursion trip to Failaka Island. We had Kuwait Public Transport Company return tickets for the ferry by speed-boat and an 'A' class chalet of Kuwait Touristic Enterprises Corporation booked for two nights. Our tickets had the bold rubber stamp impression "Trip No 28," dated 13-10-89 and we were informed the boat will be leaving at 6pm.

Upon landing at Failaka KTEC mini bus whisked us promptly to a self contained chalet. It was, of course, very convenient and we did enjoy the stay.

At the KTEC information/reception desk on the island not a single leaflet or information material was, unfortunately, available.

The chalet was supposed to have a telephone. There was none. However, on four different occasions a technician came to express regret by throwing the blame squarely on the Ministry of Communications.

Inside the KTEC enclave there is no public transport facility. To buy anything from the shops one has to go by walking up to the main-gate. Old cars on daily rental basis are available, but the hire charges are exorbitant. If KTEC can arrange a coach service to run every half-an-hour across the area, even on a charge basis, it would be a blessing.

Knowledge of Arabic is advisable, but one cannot expect every visitor to know it. Therefore, sign boards including those in buses and coaches would serve better if provided with English translation.

On Friday at 3pm we telephoned from a neighbour chalet and was advised that the return trip would leave at 5pm and not at 6pm. At 4pm we checked again. The departure time then was 7pm. Confused, one of us hitch-hiked to the jetty and got the time confirmed as 7pm. We arrived at the passengers hall at 6.15pm. There was a huge crowd at the embarkation jetty and more passengers were joining. Past 7.10pm the speed-boat arrived and it was announced over the public address system in Arabic. We moved to the jetty and with great difficulty pushed our way to the entrance gate where a number of KPTC employees were seen standing. Before we could make the entrance gate, without anybody checking whether there were any passengers waiting for trip No 28 or not, the boat left, apparently, fully loaded. There was no explanation as to who occupied our seats and how. Meantime, another boat arrived and we were informed that it was exclusively for a medical association excursion party. Nobody bothered to guide us except saying "sthanashua" for over one hour until we were the only passengers left on the jetty pleading to get in. Then a slow boat came and we were accommodated in it along with some others who had arrived by then.

The very relaxation derived out of the holiday was lost by the tension and anguish created by the uncertainties.

Is there no systematic way which a passenger can board his designated boat without being shuttled around to the whims and fancies of the KPTC employees? KTEC should encourage ordeal.

C.K. Satyaraj, Safat.

## Big League Soccer

SIR: Most of the football fans have noted with disappointment the showing of Big League Soccer programme on Channel 1 at an odd afternoon time after 5.00pm.

I humbly request on behalf of many others to restore this programme to Channel II as shown for the last many years after the 8.00 o'clock news since this will enable most of the young fans and other football lovers to watch more leisurely and without missing it.

N. Dilip, Safat.

## Quote me

"My fastest lap wasn't a smooth one, but it was quick believe me. I fumbled a couple of gearchanges, but it was a great lap. Very exciting and very satisfying." — Brazilian Ayrton Senna after a blazing run and taking the prime grid position for the Japanese Grand Prix.

"I have nothing to lose. I'll drive as fast as I can to win. It is the way I like to drive. I like the challenge of racing to win. It is something that stimulates me and gives me something extra." — Formula One champion Ayrton Senna commenting on the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka, Japan.

"There was no way I could beat Ayrton. My only tactic in the race will be to push as hard as possible." — Ex-Formula One champ Alain Prost of France not sounding so sure about the Japanese leg of the Formula One Grand Prix.

"Let us finally put an end to the sufferings of this poor people. Let us change the course of history. Let us have freedom, let us have freedoms. Let us make democracy a constant feature of Hungarian history." — Gyorgy Szabed, founder-member of the Hungarian Democratic Forum addressing delegates at the opening of a 3-day congress.

"All of my kids won't be pros or rising stars. But keeping them out of trouble, off the streets and away from drugs is all important. I use tennis as a character builder." — The late Christopher Scott, a one-time ambassador of basketball with the Harlem Globetrotters, on the satisfaction he gets from keeping youths out of trouble by teaching them tennis.

"(It) is a novel recognition that change is beginning, that change is welcome and that... we do not wish to hand a broken-backed economy over to a new South Africa in due course." — British Foreign Secretary John Major in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp.

"What can you say when you try your best and give all you got and you still lose. It seemed that no matter what I did, he always had an answer." — Swede Stefan Edberg summing it all after being outlasted by American Aaron Krickstein in the semifinal of the Seiko Super Tennis Tournament.

"The obdurate clinging to the duty to take care of all Germans is an element of the old, ill-fated Hallstein doctrine." — Neues Deutschland daily on the Hallstein doctrine which automatically gives East Germans West German nationalities if they used a trip abroad to apply.

"We need every man and every woman, and we are willing to find out and eradicate the reasons that have led to so many people turning their backs on us." — East German Foreign Ministry spokesman Wolfgang Meyer seemingly at loss for a reason of mass exodus of East Germans to the West.

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Local market turns mixed

# Kuwait shrugs off US market plunge

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday Oct 18, 1989 an average of 40.13 points with a decrease of 0.15 point — 0.37 per cent — from last week's average of Wednesday Oct 11, 1989. The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.11 with an increase of 0.16 point — 0.24 per cent — for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 43.61 million shares at a daily average of 8.72 million shares with a decrease of 6 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 9.24 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 8.77 million shares at a daily average of 1.75 million shares with an increase of 14 per cent over last week's daily average of 1.54 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD19.17 million at a daily average of KD3.83 million, a decrease of 8 per cent from last week's daily average of KD4.18 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.316 million at a daily average of KD0.063 million, a decrease of 17 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.076 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 60.5 per cent of total trading against 63 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait and the lead at 27 per cent followed by Kuwait Finance House at 22 per cent and The Commercial Bank at 15.5 per cent. The services sector came second at 15 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 99 per cent. The investment sector came third at 12 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 87 per cent followed by National Investment Company at 5.5 per cent and Commercial Facilities at 5 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al Quain Cement Company had the lead at 56 per cent followed by Bahrain International Bank at 25 per cent and finally Gulf Medical Projects at 15 per cent.

The market gave signs of mixed performance which was reflected on all indices in both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti markets. This came as a weak reaction to the recent developments in the foreign stock exchange markets. The Kuwaiti Stock Exchange market was not immediately affected by the sudden crash in the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, October 13 in which the Dow Jones Index fell by 100 points. However, on Monday 16th, after the opening of the Asian and European stock exchanges which had lost even more than their New York counterpart, Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shares lost 1 per cent of its value compared to last week's closing on Wednesday just before the crash in New York. Graph shows the developments in prices of the three main foreign indices together with Alshall Index for prices of Kuwaiti shares. It is clear from the graph that the Kuwaiti Stock Exchange market was the least affected by the sudden crash of New York's Stock Exchange.

"We believe that this reaction will not change even if the foreign market's stock exchanges go worse. The local stock exchange market could, at the beginning, be slightly affected due to psychological reasons, but as time passes, local investors which were directed towards the foreign stock exchange markets will be diverted to the local market. This means that the price indices of local shares will be very slow and in the opposite direction. The reason for this is that the local market has little to lose; first because most companies that have investments in the foreign markets are either supported by the government or have shares that are seldom traded."

"Second because the end of year season is usually very active and government interventions are usually applied. Third, due to the few local investment opportunities, and the weakness of the present foreign stock exchange markets, demand for local shares would increase. We believe that the foreign market will continue to fluctuate in spite of the attempt of certain companies to decrease the risk in their portfolios by rearranging their structures in favour of activities other than company shares. This however will have very little effect on the local market for companies' shares."

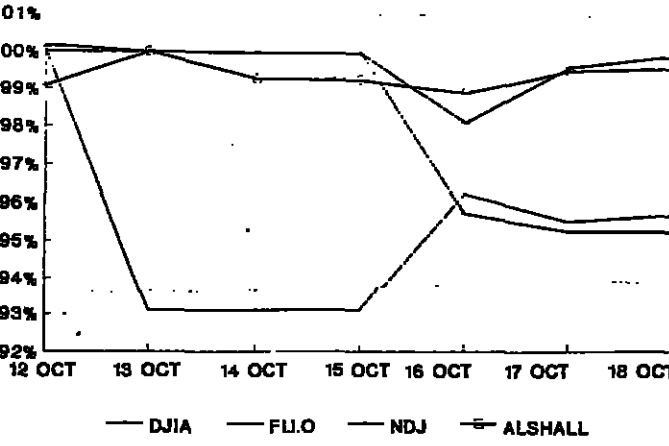
Kt. Int. Inv. Co.	8.59	8.76	-0.17
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Comm. Facilities	148.50	143.75	2.75
National Inv.	57.84	57.84	—
Kt. Inv. Proj.	91.01	93.26	-2.25
Sector Index	30.96	31.16	-0.18
Ind. Sector			
Kt. Ins. Co.	40.07	38.87	1.20
Gulf Ins. Co.	23.08	23.08	—
Al Ahlia Ins.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Ins. Co.	61.86	61.86	—
Sector Index	38.21	37.59	0.63
Real Est. Sec.			
Kt. Real Est.	15.80	16.06	-0.25
Utd. Realty	5.10	5.16	-0.06
Nat. Real Est.	37.43	35.44	1.99
Pearl of Kt.	69.84	71.43	-1.59
Sector Index	18.29	18.21	0.08
Food Sector			
Kt. Cmt. Co.	10.91	10.91	—
Ref. Ind.	85.65	85.65	—
Gulf Cables	116.52	116.52	—
Kt. Pharm.	70.22	70.22	—
Sector Index	30.34	30.34	—
Services Sector			
Kt. Cntr. Co.	170.64	170.64	—
Kt. Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Pub. W/housing Co.	66.67	67.68	-1.01
Kt. Comm. M.Co.	35.45	35.45	—
M. Tele. Syst.	347.62	342.86	4.76
Sector Index	60.93	60.66	0.28
Transport Sector			
L. Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
Utd. Fisheries	10.34	10.34	—
Kt. Utd. Poultry	110.01	110.01	—
Kt. Food Co.	73.56	73.56	—
Sector Index	38.70	38.70	—
Overall Index	40.13	40.28	-0.15

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies Index	Wed. 18/10/89	Wed. 11/10/89	Change points
First G. Bk.	223.68	223.68	—
Bah. Int. Bk.	86.90	86.90	—
Bah. M.E. Bk.	87.32	87.32	—
Cst. Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
A. Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	43.94	43.94	—
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	16.87	16.87	—
G. Med. Projs.	25.25	22.09	3.16
Total Index	68.11	67.94	0.16

—Based period 31/12/1983.

—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

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## World Bank delegation for Cairo

CAIRO, Oct 21, (Reuters): A World Bank delegation begins a fresh round of talks in Cairo tomorrow aimed at nudging Egypt towards a free market economy and to cut its huge public sector employing three-quarters of the nation's workforce.

The talks are expected to focus on loosening state controls on public sector companies, encouraging private businesses and unweaving notoriously complex bureaucratic controls on imports and exports, economic sources said.

Despite moves in the last two decades to boost private enterprise, Egypt still has one of the biggest public sectors outside of the socialist bloc and the kind of centralised economy more typical of Moscow than of a mixed economy.

The World Bank and International Monetary Fund are pushing Egypt to free up its economy to stop a downward spiral into economic stagnation and falling living standards.

Approval from the two institutions could bring in millions of dollars in fresh aid, encourage much-needed foreign investment and clear the way to rescheduling some of Egypt's \$50 billion in foreign debt.

But Egypt is resisting demands for too speedy reforms, fearing that discontent already rumbling below the surface about economic hardship could erupt into full-scale unrest.

"We should not be asked the impossible because we cannot deliver the impossible," Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid told the American Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

"It would be imprudent to push Egypt, to test the limits of social tolerance. The government's sensitivity to the possible impact... on lower income groups and on income distribution in general should be fully appreciated," he added.

Egypt has already passed a new investment law to encourage private business, and cut big subsidies to its public sector.

But it is resisting any moves towards widespread privatisation, saying it would prefer to give greater freedom to public sector managers and allow private businesses to spring up and flourish alongside.

The IMF, which is pushing for more technical reforms on exchange rate and interest rates, is expected to look for signs of success in the World Bank negotiations before it signs its own deal with Cairo.



American cosmetics queen Estee Lauder is surrounded by shop assistants at the opening of the first shop selling only her products in Budapest, Oct 17. Lauder's mother was Hungarian. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Plans to open first shop

# Lauder returns to roots

BUDAPEST, Oct 21, (Reuters): American cosmetics queen Estee Lauder returned to her mother's native land on Tuesday to open the first shop selling only her products.

Believed to be in her 80s, Lauder said she was returning to her roots.

"The first memory I have is of my mother, a Hungarian beauty," she told journalists crowding into the Estee Lauder cosmetic beauty boutique in Budapest's Vaci Street, Eastern Europe's brightest shopping mall.

She attributes her "love of perfection" to her father, who was born in Czechoslovakia, part of the Austro-Hungarian empire which disintegrated after World War One.

"To Mrs Lauder, bringing Estee Lauder products to Budapest is like bringing a gift of beauty to the land of her origin," the company said in a statement.

The boutique is a joint venture 80 per cent owned by Estee Lauder Inc, a group with annual sales approaching \$2 billion. Aranyok, a Hungarian retail chain with nearly 40 outlets, receives 20 per cent of the undisclosed equity in return for the shop's prime-site lease.

Estee Lauder Inc, of which Lauder is chairman and her son Leonard chief executive, is investing about \$1 million in the Boutique and forecasts sales approaching the same sum during its first year.

Until now, Lauder goods were sold only in department stores.

"It is a very interesting experiment for us to go into a retailing business in a country where retail sales have no tradition of competition," he told Reuters.

The Budapest boutique will sell imported Estee Lauder skin-care products, make-up and scents for Hungarian currency. Beauty advisers trained in Vienna and Paris will offer consultations.

To finance imports of its cosmetics, Lauder has set up a separate wholly-owned import-export business which will export packaging for Lauder products and Hungarian leather goods.

The company expects to generate sales of Hungarian goods roughly double the Boutique's turnover.

# UAE to host Oapec meeting

ABUDHABI, Oct 21, (Opecna): The ministerial council of the Kuwait-based Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapec) will meet here on November 22.

In a statement at the weekend, Oapec secretary general Abdul Aziz Zuhair said the meeting would be under the chairmanship of UAE.

Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Dr Mansour Otaiba. Al Wattari said the meeting would discuss a number of new and crucial subjects whose impact on the oil market was expected to be very great, among them: environmental pollution resulting from the use of fossil fuels.

He added that the ministerial meeting would also discuss resumption of the dialogue between Oapec member states and the European Economic Community.

He disclosed that an Oapec delegation, to be led by Otaiba, and a community delegation would meet in the expected meeting between the two sides.

# Central regulation needed

I don't think anybody had an air of panic: Brady

WASHINGTON, Oct 21, (AP): Treasury secretary Nicholas F. Brady says US administration officials knew before stock market trading began last Monday they likely weren't facing a repeat of the 1987 crash.

"I don't think anybody had an air of panic," Brady said yesterday in his first extensive public discussion of the sudden, 190-point drop in the stock market's Dow Jones industrial average on Oct 13.

As senior administration gathered at the White House at 7 am (1100 GMT) last month, the first trading day after the plunge, they focused on the reaction of foreign markets, which had been closed during the Friday the 13th plummet, he said.

"It became clear as I stared at those statistics that it looked much more like a technical market change. (The US stock decline) was picked up around the rest of the world, but not added to. That is an important distinction," he said in an interview.

From the White House on Monday, Brady went to the treasury building and personally monitored developments on computer screens providing up-to-date information simultaneously on stocks, stock futures, international currency and bond trading, he said.

The market recovered Monday, rising 88 points. For the week, it regained 120 points.

"You shouldn't look at this loss (last) Friday as some cataclysmic event, but more of an instantaneous technical reaction," he said.

Two years earlier, the story was different. The market fell more than 100 points yesterday, then crashed 508 points the next trading day, which became known as Black Monday.

The treasury secretary, who as a private citizen headed a presidential commission that investigated the 1987 crash, said top administration officials had

learned from the past.

This time, officials were better prepared to co-ordinate their actions and statements and had much more sophisticated means of monitoring markets. Brady declined to say precisely what he would propose when he testifies next week in Congress. But he left little doubt that he hasn't changed his mind need to do now," he said.

Among the recommendations then was that a single agency, probably the Federal Reserve, co-ordinate regulation of all financial markets.

"The more progress we can make towards bringing the regulation into one place, or to bring it into a high degree of co-ordination, the better off we're going to be at it," he said.

Then a Wall Street investment banker, Brady was widely praised for his report, although then president Ronald Reagan's administration failed to adopt many of its recommendations.

Brady, assisted by two Harvard professors who are now senior deputies at treasury, concluded the stock market in New York and the futures markets in Chicago, and to a degree stock and futures markets world-wide, function as one market because of the speed of electronic communication and computer-executed trading.

"The implication of the conclusion that we had one market would indicate that too many different regulators for that one market don't make an awful lot of sense," he said.

Then as now, the Securities and Exchange Commission oversaw stock and options markets, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission regulated futures markets and the Federal Reserve Board set stock margins and supervised the payments system among banks and brokerage houses.

## Commodity exchange market vital

# Call to set up export-import bank

LAGOS, Oct 21, (Opecna): A two-day seminar on export financing, organised by the Association of Nigerian Exporters (Ane), has urged the government to set up an export-import bank, charged with the sole responsibility of enhancing and providing finance for the stimulation of the non-oil export sector.

According to a communiqué issued here yesterday by the Ane executive secretary Henry Ogwah, the seminar also recommended to the government that export financing should be exempted from the normal credit ceiling and that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) should devise instruments to monitor its operations.

It noted that the suspension of the rediscounting and refinancing facility by the CBN had made Nigerian banks "very unwilling" to finance exports. It called on the CBN to reinstate the scheme "but introduce stringent operating guidelines for its utilisation to avoid further abuse."

The communiqué observed with delight that the structural adjustment programme (Sap) had had a positive impact on the Nigerian economy, particularly on export earnings, as indicated by an increase in the volume of exports since Sap's incep-

tion. It suggested that exporters should be allowed to negotiate the exchange rate of their export proceeds with their bankers and also have the discretion to sell wherever they found a favourable rate, in the banking system or Bureau de Change.

The government, it said, should implement, without further delay, the export credit guarantee scheme and also create public awareness of its agricultural insurance scheme.

The communiqué also called for the establishment of a commodity exchange market to avoid the vagaries of price fluctuations in the international market.

On the evacuation of produce, the seminar urged the government to increase funds for the development of rural roads and other infrastructure such as storage facilities to enhance development and harness exportable products in rural areas.

It was also the seminar's contention that government, bankers and exporters should encourage local producers to pool their resources together through co-operatives to enable them to enjoy the benefits of economies of scale and be in a position to attract bank financing.

## Market rebound leaves some sceptical

### 'Thrill is gone from US corporate profits'

NEW YORK, Oct 21, (AP): Although the financial arm that many feared never struck, Wall Street analysts still aren't sure the stock market is headed for a clear sailing in the weeks and months ahead.

To government regulators, securities industry officials and just about anyone else with a stake in the well-being of the market, the past week provided pleasant surprise.

As the workweek began Monday, the Street was a good for the possible replay of the crash of 1987, following the Oct 13th Dow Jones industrial average plunge.

Instead, blue-chip stocks began a rally that spread many smaller, secondary issues as the week progressed.

Once the commotion began to die down, many servers concluded stocks had simply experienced warp but short "correction" that had little bearing either the outlook for the economy or long-term investment prospects.

Maybe so, say analysts now, but even if it was only coincidence, the market's sudden drop came at a time when the trend in corporate profits was showing some early signs of weakening.

Furthermore, technical analysts have questioned whether it wasn't a bit too pat to chalk up the Oct 13 'line as a handy catch-up buying opportunity for investors who had missed out on the gains in stock prices earlier in the year.

"It may be many weeks before we can fully understand the long-term impact of Oct 13 on the US equity market," said Joseph Barthel of Hopper Solidity and Co.

"For now it suffices to say that serious technical damage to the long-standing uptrend has occurred."

There has been no notable revival lately on Wall Street of the recession fears so widely voiced at midsummer. Confidence has remained high that the economy can achieve a "soft landing" that provides the chance for renewed growth as 1990 passes.

Still, "even a soft landing isn't painless," observed Edward Kerschner and Charles Pradilla, analysts at PaineWebber Inc. "historically, soft landings for the overall economy have been hard landings for profits."

Forecasters aren't calling for any drastic drop in earnings just now. But many do contend that the strong gains of the past couple of years are giving way to a leveling off or moderate decline.

"The 'thrill is gone' from US corporate profits," said Abby Joseph Cohen, an investment strategist at Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. "Profit growth has decelerated, return on equity has peaked."

Such cautionary notes didn't do much to dampen investors' enthusiasm for market-down merchandise in the stock market this past week.

# Federal Reserve expected to ease policy further

TURBULENCE in the equity markets in the last week-end although coming somewhat as a surprise, a period of condensation by most analysts has been expected. However, the situation prevented from turning into a panic by co-ordinated and behind the scenes action of the central authorities. In persuasion to institutions and brokers alike to remain calm, and the reassurance that any sharp downturn would be moderated by increased liquidity and the Federal Reserve easing was sufficient in itself to bring relative stability. According to NBK weekly market review, the dollar consequently suffered on the weekend and was hit further off course by 30 per cent rise in the trade deficit. Economic data this week provided reasons of slowing activity with price reasonably under control. The bond markets subsequently went ahead on the basis of the expectation that the Fed would on implications of further Federal Reserve easing.

With respect to the dollar, "we have long maintained that factors which gave rise to dollar support during the course of this year, would come under increased examination. With the interest rate differential

now virtually eliminated in the dollar's favour and the Federal Reserve expected to ease policy further, the dollar's upward momentum is now capped. This week's data releases on the real economy should provide further evidence of economic slowdown on a year on year basis. Whilst the dollar may see some temporary correction we still contend and forecast a softer dollar trading range for the autumn.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.83-1.88 and Yen 141.5. The much awaited Mansion House speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer provided nothing new on policy, with a staunch reiteration to a commitment of high interest rates for as long as necessary to bring down inflation. Data releases this week were mixed with wage settlements slightly lower offset by concerns that labour constraints remain—in that unemployment has fallen to a nine year low. In addition bank and mortgage lending remains surprisingly robust to interest rates.

Sterling was hit further by the equity market volatility with the UK economy perceived as being particularly vulnerable to recession. Sterling ended the week at

DM2.94 and £/\$1.59. The financial markets remain particularly concerned on government policy with there being clearly some disagreement between the prime minister and her chancellor over sterling and membership to the EMS. Although a stable currency is intended as an additional weapon against inflation and hopefully the current high interest rates will help to underpin the pound, sterling remains particularly vulnerable to the UK's deteriorated economic fundamentals.

Stabilising sterling within the EMS would allow interest rates to come down sooner than if sterling remains as currently, precariously outside of the EMS. In addition, the ability to raise interest rates further in defence of sterling must now be diminished given the fragile equity market position. Consequently the currency remains vulnerable.

Indications that consumer demand in Japan remains sufficiently robust following a slight downturn in the summer was provided by strong department store figures. Sales increased 9.2 per cent over the month in September being the largest increase since March.



# Life is not always a goose-feather shuttlecock

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

WHEN Faiz Mohyuddin, a Pakistani management accountant, arrived in Kuwait six years ago he found an abundance of goods, except one, in his view, essential item — a goose-feather shuttlecock.

A keen badminton player Faiz was disappointed that players in Kuwait used nylon instead of a goose-feather shuttlecock. He was not being fastidious, he claims, merely professional. "I know what difference goose feathers can make. You can never achieve that flight and control with a nylon shuttlecock that a feather one has," he insists.

He did, however, switch to playing with a nylon shuttlecock and in the same year became Kuwait badminton champion, a title he still holds.

In the meantime, shuttlecock manufacturers vastly improved the product and the Yonex shuttlecock, for example, is "near perfect," Faiz explains.

Insistence on goose-feather shuttlecock, a matter of little concern to other players in the country, stems from a desire to do things properly. If not a perfectionist Faiz

certainly is a high achiever. His school record, career, badminton trophies and family life all speak of success.

Faiz comes from a middle class family in Lahore, Pakistan, which placed more emphasis on high grades than recreation. His interest in sports was limited to "a little bit of football and cricket." That was until 1969 when he as a student at Punjab University he saw a badminton match. The game held an instant appeal for him and he plunged into a rigorous training programme. In 1973 he left the university as its badminton champion. In the same year he played in the Pakistan junior competition and lost only in the semifinals. The success came as a surprise to Faiz.

"I started playing at a comparatively old age and contrary to what is generally believed badminton is a tough game," he says.

He reckons that in terms of speed badminton comes before squash and tennis with shuttlecock sometimes travelling at 130 km per hour. It requires less stamina than squash and more power of endurance than tennis, he says.

Encouraged by his success in Pakistan, Faiz took his racket with him to Britain where he went to continue his studies. He joined the Essex County Club, known for

the high standard of its players, and moved progressively from their third team to the first.

After nine years of playing in Britain he arrived in Kuwait where two clubs, the Indian Arts Circle and the Hubara Club in Alhamdi, dominated the badminton scene. He joined the latter and scored victory after victory in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Now, at the age of 38, he is aware that his place at the top may soon be snatched from him. In fact there are those who, weary of his consecutive victories, would like to speed up his departure. With no player in the country to match the Pakistani's skill, the Indian Arts Circle is toying with the idea of bringing a professional player to challenge Faiz. The champion knows he is no match for a professional. But he is not ready to pack up yet.

"I may not play competitive badminton in the future but I will continue playing for exercise and to promote the game," he stresses.

He believes the game, vastly overshadowed by other racket games, needs world-wide promotion badly. Badminton's lack-lustre image is largely due to the fact that it is filmed for television at angles that fail to portray adequately the speed and effort

involved, contends Faiz.

In Kuwait, where the game is mainly played by the expatriates, the Hubara Club may be the first to offer training for Kuwaitis, an effort to which Faiz will lend his support.

With his title unchallenged for six years he looked for fresh challenge in his career. He recently set up the internal audit department at an investment firm, International Financial Advisers.

He rejects the stereotype image of an accountant, as a bespectacled old person buried in piles of papers in a company backroom.

"Accountancy today is a different world. With the advent of computers and new developments in the world of finance the profession has undergone a tremendous change," he stresses.

Looking back at his career and sports, he says, he has no regrets. Badminton brought him publicity, popularity and self-confidence, an asset for a shy person he says he is.

"The problem is that when we arrive at the conclusion that we should have done things differently it is usually too late to change anything," he says.

He has not arrived at that point yet. He hopes he never will.



Faiz receives a trophy.



How smart is your car security system?

## Street-smart security for your car

### Electronic tracking system

HOW street-smart is your car security system? An electronic tracking system from Lojack Corp. of Needham, Massachusetts, helped a Boston patrolman find Kathy Tauer's 1986 Camaro just seven minutes after she reported it stolen from a department store parking lot.

While that recovery was unusually rapid, the Lojack system has racked up a 95.7 per cent success rate since being introduced in Massachusetts in 1986, helping locate more than 700 stolen vehicles. The average recovery time is about two hours.

The system, when paired with a car alarm or lock device, can also qualify Massachusetts residents for discounts up to 35 per cent in comprehensive automobile insurance.

More than 28,000 vehicles in Massachusetts and southeastern Florida contain the Lojack radio transmitter, but that message won't be advertised anywhere on the car. The chalkboard-eraser sized unit is randomly placed, and even car owners don't know where the device is hidden.

"We've taken conventional wisdom and turned it upside

down," said Gordon M. Tucker, executive vice-president of Lojack. "A thief sees a sticker... and it gives him the advantage. We think it's a sticker from a protection standpoint."

The transmitter, priced at \$395, comes with a backup battery in case the car's main battery is disabled. A five-digit code is assigned to the unit and paired with a vehicle identification number (VIN) in a police computer.

When the car is reported missing, the VIN is entered into the computer, activating the transmitter. Police then use a tracking device to find the vehicle.

Tucker said traditional car alarms that deter thieves or joy riders. But professional car thieves are not as easily deterred.

Lojack — the company's name is a pun on "hijack" — first developed its system as a way to protect police. Tucker said most officer injuries occur during routine stops of cars that turned out to be stolen.

The company donated the \$1.8 million in tracking technology being used in Massachusetts. Although Lojack reported a

profit last year, it expects to report losses as it adds new states to its network.

Tucker said southern California — which reported nearly 190,000 car thefts in 1988 — will be added in 1990, as will Michigan, New Jersey and Illinois.

The Federal Communications Commission originally gave Lojack permission to experiment with the device on a frequency used by the FBI. At the end of September, the FCC allocated that frequency for use in stolen vehicle recovery efforts and state police can apply for licenses to use that radio space.

"The only way to deal with a professional is to give the police a tool to get the car back real fast," Tucker said. "In almost 3 1/2 years of real-world experience, we have an almost perfect recovery rate."

Lojack currently dominates centre stage but other companies have similar products waiting in the wings.

International Teletrac Systems (ITS), of Inglewood, California, will roll out a radio location system in Los Angeles

early next year.

The ITS system starts working when a vehicle is moved unlawfully, signalling the company's control centre. After confirming a theft, ITS would monitor the car's path by computer and relay the information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Maurice Nieman, its vice-president of marketing, said the ITS transmitter is the size of a small paperback book and could be placed in an inconspicuous spot in an automobile.

A one-time charge for the unit would be about \$500. Nieman said a month subscription charge would range from \$10 to \$15 for individuals, and from \$25 to \$40 a month for corporate users. Computer terminals equipped with tracking software would be placed in police dispatcher locations free of charge.

ITS also expects to launch its system in Chicago, Washington, Baltimore and Dallas in 1991. New York City would be added in 1992.

Another system, the stolen vehicle recovery network from Indianapolis-based Mets Inc., also uses radio impulses to find a

stolen vehicle.

As in other systems, the transmitter would be concealed in the car and would be powered by internal batteries or the vehicle's main power supply.

Once Mets confirms a theft has occurred, the information would be passed to the police, and a mobile tracking unit would be used to locate the vehicle.

A company spokesman estimated installation costs at about \$500 and a monthly monitoring fee of about \$10.

Mets currently is negotiating its first test programme with the Los Angeles police department.

Another system, the locator satellite vehicle tracking and recovery system from Prevent-A-Theft International Ltd. of Irvine, California, is also triggered when a car is entered illegally. A signal is sent to a satellite, which can be tracking the vehicle on a nation-wide basis.

Prevent-A-Theft would then contact the police with a description and location. The system can generate a hard copy of the vehicle's route and send it by facsimile to the agency for the permanent police record.

## Masterson: a Bette Davis in the making

### A blonde with fine features

IF you are wondering whether there will ever be another Bette Davis, consider Mary Stuart Masterson.

If Davis was intense, independent, versatile, iconoclastic, assertive — brilliant — so is young Masterson.

And if Davis was massively talented and somewhat less than conventionally beautiful, so is Masterson.

Early in her career Davis had a waif-like, but not too vulnerable, quality that Masterson projects today. Masterson, like Davis at the same age, is blonde with fine features, luminous eyes and an inner steel that is at once apparent. She radiates dedication to her craft and talks about acting and her career articulately.

Davis was distinctive. Throughout her long career from the 1930s into the 1980s, no other actress could be confused with the Academy award-winner who died last month.

Masterson is distinctive too and appears to be embarked on a long and distinguished career.

It's a tall order indeed and Mary Stuart Masterson would probably be appalled by the comparison.

She currently is co-starring with Glenn Close and James Woods in "Immediate Family," playing a pregnant teenager who has agreed to give up her baby for adoption.

At 23, Masterson played the pregnant 17-year-old with ease. She looks 17, perhaps younger.

"I always try to put myself into the circumstances of the character and then make the choices of the woman or girl I'm playing," she said. "I'm kind of like blank clay. I mold myself into whatever role I'm playing. It takes concentration, but I began acting when I was 8-years-old and I've played many different kinds of roles."

Among Masterson's credits are "Heaven Help Us," "At Close Range," "Gardens of Stone," "Some Kind of Wonderful," "Mr North," and "My Little Girl."

A native New Yorker, the daughter of Tony award-winning actress Carlin Glynn and writer-director Peter Masterson, the serious, thoughtful Mary Stuart left home to pursue her career when she was 18.

"I've made mainstream Hollywood films and independent pictures too," she said.

"You've got to do both if you ultimately hope to play the kind of roles that appeal to you."

"If you can succeed within the system, then you can call your own shots a little bit and hopefully work with truly great people."

"I was fortunate to work with Glenn (Close) in 'Immediate Family,' but it was a strange experience in some ways. Glenn and I did not become friends during production. We would say good morning to each other, but otherwise we didn't speak except in the scenes we played."

"It was nothing we discussed. Not even at the beginning. We just understood that our performances would be better if the pregnant teenager and the woman who was going to adopt her baby reacted to each other as strangers — as they really would in life."

"I kind of knew that Lucy, my character, would kind of like to be adopted herself and have her own family."

"To bring that sort of credibility to our scenes, Glenn and I had no personal relationship. We both had the same idea."

"Glenn was doing stuff on camera that I wouldn't know about. She was so subtle and good. Personally, I felt uncomfortable. I felt weird. So I stayed to myself. Our relationship was professionally formal."

"When people ask me whether Glenn gave me any advice or helped me in scenes, I have to tell them no. I learned from the experience with her, but not from her."

"There was nothing planned. Our non-relationship kept our performances kind of pure. With two such characters we had to discover each other in a primitive kind of way all the time on camera."

"The feelings of the two women transcended language, class and education. Lucy had to ask herself who is this woman. She's older than I am, she can't have a baby but I can. She wants a baby and I don't. What is this weird and interesting dynamic?"

"We're both intellectual actresses and we both tried really hard to pull away from that. I did the intellectual work at home with the script and then tried to be as instinctive as possible on the set."

"It was formal relationship from October through February. Even after the picture was over we never became friends, but we were friendly. There's a difference."

## The long-ballyhooed information age is right around the corner

FORGET about the 21st century, the long-ballyhooed information age is right around the corner.

Information access has accelerated the way many businesses operate, and the modern technological advances that allow it will soon move into homes.

The combination of televisions, video games, telephones, fax machines, stereo systems and personal computers will become an information expressway linking consumers with services that will make lives easier and more productive.

The biggest barrier is consumer acceptance, says Alan Daley, external affairs director of Bell Atlantic, who has been studying the impact enhanced communications will have on everyday life.

Daley and other experts say the things that will become commonplace in the next 20 years include computerised access to databanks that will allow consumers to bank and shop, make plane reservations without going through a travel agent, visit the doctor via a video screen, and

take classroom lectures from leading universities without leaving home.

"Right now, people can't see these things. They have never experienced them. It is difficult for people to describe a new thing that will help you do such and so, and determine how you feel about it. There is a conceptualising problem that people have to get around," Daley says.

From a telecommunications standpoint, the prime technological hurdle will be widespread installation of cables that can carry video signals to and from the home.

The latest telephone technology, fibre optic cable and powerful computer switching, can carry an extremely broad range of signals at once, including telephone, TV and radio, and a video phone service.

When it comes, the "picture phone," unveiled at the New York World's Fair in 1960 as a demonstration of available technology, will become a reality.

"When my children get home from school, I can call them and ask if they are OK," Daley says. "In the future, I can dial them up

and see they are OK. That is more reassuring to me as a parent."

As another example, Daley points to the hypothetical "Felipe," a single, middle-class teacher living in an apartment in Pittsburgh in the year 2000.

Felipe uses his information age screen to shop for a washing machine, borrow money instantly and help his cousin from Chile obtain Spanish language services.

He helps an inner-city elementary school recruit a guest speaker, teaches remote classes to shut-ins, sends memos to students via electronic mail, and even checks out a new salsa record via a pay-per-listen service that feeds the music right to his home.

It is not far-fetched.

In fact, some of that technology now keeps kids of all ages amused with the likes of "Super Mario Bros." and their Nintendo friends.

Nintendo, the world's biggest video games maker, and Fidelity Investments, a Boston-based private investment management firm, are teaming up to develop and market a home trading sys-

tem for financial services they expect to be available by the end of 1990.

The system will allow owners of Nintendo Entertainment Systems to use their game equipment to tap into Fidelity's Financial Systems from home. They will be able to update personal portfolios, check market information and buy and sell securities without contacting a broker.

It is the first step in Nintendo's goal of becoming a global electronic communications giant that brings electronic banking, investment trading, on-line shopping and education into the home, as well as keep the kiddies entertained.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's media lab, other facets of the electronic future are being created. Its corporate-funded researchers are developing a new generation of classroom computers that will stress creativity over learning based on memorization; voice and visual recognition systems that will allow people to routinely talk to their computers, tell their telephones to call aunt Mabel without dialling her number man-

## Palm-sized information processing

FIRST came mainframe computers, monsters full of wires and tubes that filled whole rooms, with names like Univac and Golem I. Much further down the road came the desktop computer — sized to what its name implies — and then the laptop model.

Now comes "the palmtop computer," perhaps the final extreme in word processing. Its maker, Atari, is ballyhooing the portfolio as if it were the greatest thing since the disc drive.

With its tooth-sized keys, this machine weighs less than a pound and folds to a size approximating a paperback book. Finally, a computer that you can accidentally leave in your pocket and throw into the business people," said Atari spokesman Andy Marken in Sunnyvale, California. "Students and reporters will like them too. So far, inquiries have come from a real cross-section of society."

"Anyone who spends a lot of time away from their desk will want one. We are anticipating some supply problems," he said, but not because of a holiday rush.

"Christmas is not our ultimate sales period," said Marken, noting that this device does not fall into a category like video games and recreational computers which traditionally sell well

before Christmas.

Portfolios are already on the shelf at electronics outlets that sell Atari home computers and video games. If you're in a real hurry, Atari will air-express one for \$399, plus shipping.

What makes the portfolio different from computerised pocket organisers being sold by other manufacturers is its ability to mimic MS-DOS system commands, the same ones office computer users have grown to love and loathe over the past decade.

It also has far more memory than many of those organisers, as much as 640 kilobytes, with an additional 256 kilobytes reserved for read-only memory.

This is a powerful machine by most standards, even if the keys are frustratingly tiny and the liquid crystal display screen won't let you view a lot of information without scrolling.

A big difference between the portfolio and laptops is in the way information is stored. A disk drive takes up a lot of space. A RAM memory card does not.

The memory cards, measuring about half the size of a postage stamp, pop into the side of the machine and can store as much as 128 kilobytes of information, "8-10 typewritten pages," according to Marken.

ually, and tell the TV what channel they want to watch.

Tim Browne, media lab associate director, says other developments in the works include personalized television

— a computer-enhanced set that will compare different types of programming with your viewing preferences, then edit the day's programmes onto a storage device ready for viewing — and a

desktop receptionist that will greet and converse with frequent callers, relay messages, and handle electronic mail.

The fact that corporations already are using enhanced tech-

nology to speed their business will help overcome the "gee, whiz" factor in which major advances seem to overwhelm people or make gadgets mere toys for the rich.



## FILIPINO DIGEST

## SNIPPETS

**18 airports modernised:** The Department of Transportation and communications (DOTC) yesterday said the second phase of the modernization of 18 airports will begin next year.

The airports include the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) and those at Mt. Cabuyao, Davao, Dipolog, Dumaguete, Butuan, Jolo, Laoag, Marikina, Roxas, Dadiangas, and Zamboanga.

Part of the modernization will be the installation of navigational equipment and communications facilities.

The navigational project is funded under a \$53.1 million loan from Japan through the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF).

The first phase of the modernization project involved improvements of vertical and horizontal facilities.

**6 rapists charged:** Six of the 15 young men said to be the members of a gang of rapists preying on young women in Barangay Cemembo, Fort Bonifacio, Makati and who allegedly ravished a 15-year-old girl from Sunday night to Monday morning have been arrested and charged in court.

Shortly after their arrest, a woman who refused to identify herself called up the Makati Police claiming that she was also a victim of the gang.

Four of those arrested and charged with 15 counts of rape before the Makati Prosecutors Office were Reynaldo Abesamis, 25, Emiliano Perez, 22, Dante Nabelgas, 23, and Reynaldo Bersamin, 26, all of Barangay Cemembo, said Sgt. Danny Javier of the Makati Police intelligence and special action group (ISAG).

The 15-year-old victim recounted her ordeal to ISAG chief Capt. Rodolfo Salvador.

The girl said she was invited by her friend whom she identified as one Josephine Ferrer, 16, to go to the house of one Rolly Salazar at 353 Pioneer St., Barangay Cemembo. Salazar is the alleged boyfriend of Ferrer.

The girl claimed that Salazar, Abesamis, Perez and Nabelgas forced her to join them in a drinking session.

While Salazar and Ferrer were left alone on the ground floor, 11 young men arrived and dragged her to a makeshift hut in the Salazar compound, the girl told police.

Inside the hut, the 11 men took turns in raping her from 7 p.m. on Sunday until 2 a.m. on Monday, the girl said.

The other two suspects held by the police for questioning were Joselito Quinola, 22 of 312 Anahaw St., Barangay Cemembo, and Francisco Agustin, 23 of 889-E Quinque St., Pateros.

**Four customs cops suspended:** Four National Customs policemen and an intelligence agent were suspected and charged with qualified theft for their alleged involvement in the pilferage of textile materials worth some P5 million.

Customs commissioner Salvador Mison identified the accused as Arsenio Capili, Broderick Izquierdo, Benjamin Slavarez, Armando Borres and customs agent Miguelito Bajos.

The five customs men were implicated in the pilferage of undetermined number of bales of textiles from containerized vans in the customs security warehouse.

The fabrics were earlier ordered seized by Mison when they were found to have been misdeclared by the consignee.

The shipment arrived at the South Harbor last Aug. 29, aboard the *Mulpha Klung* from Hong Kong.

Customs intelligence and investigator chief George Jereos said the pilfered fabrics were spirited out of the customs zone through the main gate of the security warehouse with the connivance of two men who were not Customs employees.

Jereos told Mison that the five customs personnel were positively identified by a certain Wilfredo Erana as the men he saw taking out bundles of textile materials from the Customs security warehouse.

**Five fishing boats held:** Five fishing vessels were held by Coast Guard authorities in Batangas for illegal fishing and violation of maritime laws.

Coast Guard 5th district commander Capt. Eduardo Mar Santos said the three vessels F/B Socorro 111, M/B Jodemie and M/L Pioneer were caught engaged in trawl fishing.

The two other vessels - M/T *Seminole* and M/V *Don Francisco* - were inspected and found to have violated maritime laws, Santos said.

Santos also said that 20 Coast Guard enlisted men who have finished a basic naval course will be assigned to his command to help in the campaign against lawlessness on the high seas and enforcement of maritime laws.

**Shelf falls on two students:** Two Far Eastern University medical students were hurt, one of them serious, when a 20-foot high shelf with books collapsed while they were studying in the school library.

Confined at the FEU Hospital for fractures was third year student Emma Pantoja, 23, her classmates said.

A classmate of Pantoja, Ernesto Acosta, 24, escaped serious injury when he ducked under the table they were using.

"Siguro Mailulan sa isang truck ang dami ng mga libro na lamang ng bookshelf nang bumagsak sa kanila," classmates of the two said.

The students that the FEU library was constructed in 1986. Librarians had informed school authorities about the poor conditions of the bookshelves, they added.

The bookshelves, according to librarians and students, were made of wood and do not have braces.

People's Journal tried to check about the condition of Pantoja but hospital authorities denied the incident although librarians who refused to be named confirmed it.

**LEGAZPI CITY:** A Philippine National Railways (PNR) guard has allegedly admitted the killing Monday of two Army troopers inside the PNR compound in Naga City.

The Camarines Sur PC command reported to Recon 5 chief Brig. Gen. Marino Filart in Camp Bagong Ibalon that a certain Major Octavio Mablangan owned the gunslaying of Pfc. Gaudencio Castellan and S Sgt. Gerry Diesta, both assigned with the Army's 1st Infantry Battalion in Albay.

Mablangan admitted shooting the two Army soldiers during the investigation conducted Wednesday by PC officers in Camarines Sur, the report said. It, however, did not mention about the motive for the slayings.

PNR general manager Pete Prado had earlier urged the immediate investigation of the case. PNA.

**Beheaded in field:** A young farmer was found headless in the middle of a rice field in Barangay Bubulong Munti, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.

Police said that shortly before Lito Herrera, 19, of the same barangay was found beheaded, he was seen drinking with a group of men in the house of a certain Ricardo Eborado of the same barangay.

The victim's headless body was found by an unidentified farmer who went fishing in the rice field, police said.

Eborado and his son Ricky were invited by the police to help shed light on the incident and to help investigators identify Herrera's killers.

A group of farmers had joined a team of policemen in looking for the victim's missing head. Rod M. Reyes.

**Plane crashes in Cebu:** Four persons, including a pregnant woman, were injured when a four-seater Cherokee-140 plane crash landed yesterday at the Lahug Municipal Airport in uptown Cebu City.

Injured and taken to the Chong Hua Hospital for treatment of bruises, and observation were the aircraft's pilot, Capt. Enrique Medina, his son and co-pilot Angel Medina, Victoria Galgo, 35, all of Dumaguete City and Zacarias Cino, 66, mechanic, from Mabolo, Cebu City.

The plane, which came from Dumaguete City, was heading for Cebu City when it crashed on runway 21 after its wing up reportedly hit a wheelbarrow upon landing at 8:02 a.m.

Lahug Airport manager Alfredo Paller said the plane was thrown off balance and ploughed towards a house owned by a lawyer after hitting the wheelbarrow.

Angel Medina, the co-pilot, claimed there were heavy equipment at the end of the runway.

This was denied by newsmen who rushed to the crash site.

**2 payroll thieves charged:** Two labourers who robbed an accountant of a construction company of some P114,000 in payroll money were charged before the Makati Prosecutor's Office following their arrest.

Charged with robbery with serious physical injuries were carpenters Marceano Lipata, 32, of Dau, Pangasinan, and Arturo Gabas, of Quirino St., Barangay Magasaysay, Tondo, Manila.

Lipata was arrested in his hometown last August 5 by Makati Police Sgt. Ernesto Tinio and Pat. Romy Cruz on orders of Sgt. Augusto Manarang. Gabas, who is still at large, was charged in absentia.

## AFP men in drug mess face probe

PRESIDENT Aquino ordered an investigation into charges by Sen. Ernesto Herrera that senior military and police officers were protecting major drug traffickers.

In a statement to reporters, Aquino said she had instructed Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, PC-IMP chief, to conduct the probe. Most of the officers implicated in the drug mess belong to units under Montano.

The President also directed acting Justice Secretary Ramon Liwanag, who is a member of the Dangerous Drugs Board, "to recommend what other actions should be taken."

Meanwhile, sources at the Senate said that efforts were being made to beef up Herrera's security amid fears of a possible retaliation from the people he mentioned in his expose.

Herrera, who flew to Davao yesterday for a speaking engagement, had refused the additional security, the sources said.

Speaking before the Senate on Thursday, Herrera said the government's anti-narcotics campaign had failed because the people charged with carrying it out had been bribed to protect drug traffickers.

He named Brig. Gen. Pantaleon Dumlaog, head of the PC Criminal Investigation Service and former chief of the Narcotics Command (Narcocom), as one of the senior officers said to be protecting drug barons.

"General Dumlaog has been known to

protect and coddle apprehended drug pushers," Herrera said. He gave no further details or evidence but said the charge was based on reports from informants.

Dumlaog denied the charge and said he would not step down because his "conscience is clear." But he later offered to take a leave pending results of the investigation on the matter.

Herrera also identified Col. Manuel Raval of Narcocom, Col. Orly Balbas of the Coast Guard, four other officers and 10 policemen and two Manila area prosecutors as having links to drug syndicates.

Herrera's allegations were the latest in a series of charges by senators and other officials that military and police officers are involved in corruption.

Last month, Sen. Ernesto Maceda accused several senior officers, including Montano, of protecting gambling lords in the countryside. Montano has denied the charge.

On Tuesday, Maceda's committee on defense and national security and Herrera's ad hoc committee on illegal drugs will hold a joint public hearing to hear the side of Dumlaog, Raval and Balbas.

Also invited in the hearing were Montano, Narcocom chief Col. Virgilio David and Manila police chief Maj. Gen. Alfredo Lim.

In another development, Gen. Renato de

Villa, Armed Forces chief of staff, urged soldiers to help crush drug abuse in the country and warned that those who protect drug lords and pushers will be dealt with severely.

De Villa's warning came as he assured that there will be no whitewash on the probe of military officers linked to drug syndicates.

"I wish to assure Senator Herrera that we support his concern about the drug menace and that there will be no whitewash in the investigation," he said.

Minority Floorleader Juan Ponce Enrile, meanwhile, has urged the Senate to ask the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Commission on Immigration and Deportation to place all the names mentioned in the Herrera expose in the hold-departure list.

He said this would prevent them from leaving the country and evading the charges once the proper body conduct the investigation.

In Tondo, police shot dead a suspected drug pusher and seriously wounded two others after they refused to surrender.

Police also announced the arrest of Benjamin Pineda, whose name appears in Herrera's list allegedly as a distributor of "shabu."

Another suspected drug pusher, identified as Benjamin Belmes, a policeman escort, was also arrested by the police in Sampaloc, Manila.



Colonel Raval, whose name appeared on Herrera's list, shows to media his reports on big drug syndicates and traffickers on which the senator based his expose.

## Big names deny senator's raps

SEVERAL persons linked to illegal drug trafficking by Sen. Ernesto Herrera denied allegations that they were drug lords or protectors of drug syndicates.

Brig Gen Pantaleon Dumlaog Jr., chief of the PC Criminal Investigation Service, offered to take a leave of absence pending the investigation of Herrera's charges that he was guilty of coddling drug smugglers and pushers.

His offer was immediately turned down by PC chief Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, who said Herrera's charges were "generalized and without specific details."



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At the same time, Montano ordered the creation of a task force to investigate Herrera's charges linking Dumlaog and 16 other military and police officers to big-time drug syndicates.

However, nine police officers implicated by Herrera in his privilege speech Thursday night, were relieved of their posts.

Kalookan City police chief Angel Quizon ordered the relief of Lt. Alfredo Angeles, chief of anti-narcotics unit, whom Herrera identified as a protector of drug syndicates.

Eight Pasay city policemen the senator named in the expose were



Dumlaog

also suspended from their posts on orders of Mayor Pablo Cuneta.

Prominent businessman and television host Johnny Liton, whom Herrera tagged as a member of the "Cadena de Amor" drug syndicate, challenged the senator to waive his parliamentary immunity so that he could bring the issue to court.

Liton took out advertisements in several newspapers to deny "in the strongest possible terms" Herrera's accusation.

"I would appreciate it very much if Senator Herrera will waive his parliamentary immunity and repeat the same statement so I can protect my rights, my name and honour as well as that of my family," Liton said.

In a press conference at his Forbes Park home, Liton told reporters it was ironic that his name was linked to drug syndicates since he has been supporting a free clinic for drug users.

Liton said he was also surprised by the inclusion of his niece, Edwina Liton Origas, on the list of members of the syndicate since she used to live in the United States. The last time they saw each other was two years ago, Liton added.

Lt Col Manuel Raval, chief of the 13th regional unit of the Narcotics Command, again denied that Narcocom agents had sold drugs confiscated from pushers

and users.

He said Herrera could have been misled into thinking that Narcocom agents who infiltrated the syndicates were working with drug lords.

Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, meanwhile, asked Herrera to give more information on the alleged involvement of three Makati police officers in the drug trade so that he could take appropriate disciplinary action against them.

Herrera named Capt. Leonardo Labares, chief of the Makati police anti-narcotics unit, Cpl Henry de la Cruz and Patrolwoman Rosa Alfaro as beneficiaries of alleged drug lord "Don Pepe" Oyon.

The three lawmen denied the accusations.

In Las Pinas, police chief Maj Gonzalo Gonzales also denied a similar charge that he was on the payroll of "Don Pepe."

"I have never met Don Pepe and I am not involved in any drug syndicate," Gonzales said.

In a letter addressed to Montano and Gen. Renato S. De Villa, AFP chief of staff, Dumlaog asked that he be relieved of his functions to ensure an impartial investigation of the charges.

Dumlaog, a former Narcocom chief, said Herrera based his expose on "polluted sources," such as statements made by former members of drug syndicates.

## Aquino may agree to postpone plebiscite

## Mindanao autonomy

PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino, informed that the "no" vote is likely to prevail in the plebiscite for Mindanao autonomy, said she may yet agree to postpone the electoral exercise from Nov 19.

"I am willing to meet with members of Congress and the Comelec (Commission on Elections) on the postponement of the Mindanao plebiscite," the President said in a written answer to questions submitted by newsmen.

But she added: "The organic act will have to be amended if the plebiscite is going to be postponed."

Meanwhile, the campaign for self-rule in Mindanao gained a boost from the pro-administration Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) party, which voted to stage an all-out campaign for "yes" in the coming polls.

The LDP's decision meant that majority of congressmen, governors and mayors in the south will move for the ratification of the organic act establishing the Mindanao autonomous region. The party counts among its members 21 of the 25 congressmen and most of the local officials in the 13 provinces and nine cities covered by the coming plebiscite.

The sudden change in the President's stand came after she was briefed by Gov. Douglas Cagas of Davao del Sur that the "no" votes will trounce the "yes" votes in eight provinces. Cagas said "yes" will likely win only in the five Muslim-dominated provinces.

"We would like to be frank with you, President. In my province, it would be extremely difficult to get a yes vote unless the full machinery of the government, to be led by the President, will campaign for a yes vote," Cagas told Aquino.

"We had several discussions about these with the governors of the 13 provinces and, in the eight Christian-dominated provinces, President, everybody, from the governor to the city mayor, reported that the no votes will trounce the yes votes."

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, a former Aquino cabinet member who is from Cagayan de Oro City, also expressed dissatisfaction on the government's information drive.

Pimentel, who visited various places in Mindanao last week, said information materials from the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) have yet to reach the barangays.

But former LDP chairman and Speaker Ramon Mitra told reporters that the party is against the postponement. "Tuloy-tuloy na ito," Mitra said.

The proposal to postpone the plebiscite was first made by Sen. Mamintal Tamano, who warned that "no" votes will prevail in the plebiscite because the President is taking a neutral stand and is not campaigning for the approval of the organic act.

Tamano said after Aquino's statement, that he supports the planned talks between the President

and members of Congress. He said he believes Aquino does not have enough time to wage an information campaign because she will leave for a one-week visit to Canada and the United States on Nov 4 when the campaign is on its penultimate week.

The 45-day campaign for the plebiscite started last Oct 4.

Cagas also told the President that local leaders have been asking him how they should vote, but said he has been saying that he himself was unsure of his stand.

"Please allow me to make a stand after I've talked to the President," Cagas recalled telling provincial leaders.

"We want your guidance, Mrs. President. If you say we will campaign for yes, we ask you to join us. Otherwise, it would be very difficult for us to guarantee that yes would win," Cagas told Aquino.

Mitra said the LDP has a different interpretation of the situation in the region. He said the LDP is targeting the annexation of at least seven provinces to the autonomous region.

Aside from the five Muslim-dominated provinces in the region, Mitra said LDP members think Sultan Kudarat and Lanao del Norte will also vote overwhelmingly for the approval of the organic act.

The LDP leader admitted that he himself would be taking an "unpopular" stand in Palawan, his home province, but claimed he would still campaign for "yes."

"The organic act is unpopular to the people of Palawan because of the traditional bias of Christians against Muslims," he said.

A daily also learned that the LDP will appeal to the Commission on Elections to make last-minute changes in the printing of ballots.

Rep. Oscar Orbes, the party's spokesman, said the LDP will formally petition the Comelec to add another question in the ballots. He said the additional question that LDP proposes is, "Would you agree to place your municipality/city/province under the proposed region?"

The Comelec has already ruled that voters will be asked only one question during the plebiscite: "Do you vote for the ratification of the organic act for the establishment of the autonomous region in Mindanao?"

Orbes said LDP leaders reached a decision to rally voters in their areas to vote "yes" to both questions.

But Orbes said a few LDP members — mostly Congressmen from the region's Christian-dominated areas — will be allowed by the LDP to take a silent stand regarding the question of placing their areas under autonomy.

The plebiscite, which observers say will put the LDP's much-touted voting strength to an acid test, will be the year-old party's first political exercise.

## General Lim promoted

PRESIDENT Aquino has promoted Western Police District superintendent Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim to major general, making him the highest ranking policeman in the country.

The President also appointed Lim concurrently as deputy director general for operations of the Integrated National Police. Brig. Gen. Rene R. Cruz was named deputy director general for administration.

President Aquino's order, dated last Oct 10, also pulled out the entire WPD from the Metropolitan Police Force and placed

it "directly" under INP headquarters.

Lim will now report directly to PC-IMP chief Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano and no longer to MPF director general Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre whom Lim now outranks.

With the WPD now under the INP headquarters, the MPF will be left with the northern, eastern and southern police districts under Aguirre's command.

In a press conference Lim thanked Aquino for her support and Montano and National Police Commission chairman

Cicero Campos for recommending his promotion.

Lim, who has been in the police service for 38 years, said his promotion was "worth waiting for." He started his career as a beat patrolman in 1951.

Lim, who will turn 60 on December 21 was twice commended for leading the policemen who foiled the Aug. 28, 1987 coup attempt thus "averting wide-spread carnage and possible outbreak of civil war."

He was named six times by the Jaycees as the most outstanding policeman in the country.

## Tarlac governor, pals hit on rigged biddings

CLOSE associates of Tarlac Gov. Mariano Un. Ocampo cornered 16 infrastructure projects worth P93 million last June by rigging bids, an anti-graft body told the Senate blue ribbon committee.

Meinrado Dalisay, an official of the Tarlac Anti-Graft Council, said three contractors "very close" to Ocampo pocketed about P40 million from the contractors but said they were so close to Ocampo "they go wherever the governor goes."

Dalisay, a certified public accountant, made the disclosures during a committee hearing on reported anomalies taking place in President Aquino's home province.

Officials of the anti-graft council have accused Ocampo, a close political ally of the President's family, and several of his aides of graft. There were at least four graft cases filed against Ocampo.

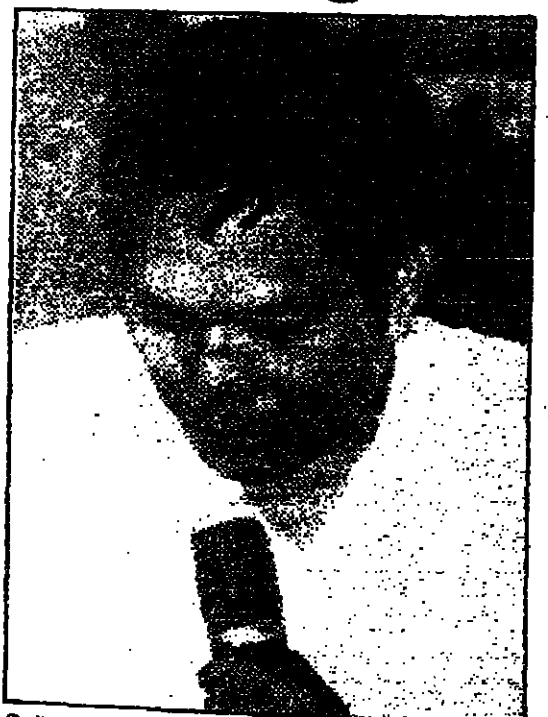
Dalisay claimed that last June 7, the three contractors cornered 16 projects worth P93 million by forging bid forms and faking other documents. The value of the projects was padded by more than 40 per cent, he said.

Among the projects were a bridge for Concepcion town, a hospital and a lung treatment centre in the provincial capital, a sports centre and the water system for a penal colony.

One of the projects openly obtained by the syndicate through rigged bidding was the P36 million-worth Rural and Industrial Training Centre, a place envisioned to benefit thousands of jobless Tarlaqueños.

"Lahat ng pirma ng mga biddings na yon ay fake," Dalisay said.

The anti-graft body claimed in earlier hear-



Dalisay testifies before the blue ribbon committee hearing.

ings that top officials, including President Aquino and Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague, tried to cover up the anomalies by offering its officers jobs and livelihood projects in exchange for their silence.

Aquino and Carague denied the charges, saying the job offers were "sincere gestures" in support of their anti-graft drive in Tarlac.

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# Thriftness: a vanishing trait of the Filipinos?

By Calixto Lee

IF there is one basic trait of the Filipinos that may considerably help accelerate the recovery of the economy, it is thriftness. For it to be effective on a nationwide scale, it must be observed by all the sectors, particularly the government.

Thriftness means "careful management of financial affairs and frugality in expenditures." In other words, it is wise spending of money and proper use of resources. The opposite of thriftness is overspending.

Although it is sad to note, nations with Spanish or Hispanic influence, including the Philippines, are the peoples who encounter difficulties in observing thriftness in their governmental affairs as well as in their personal ways. In the Philippines, there is overspending as a general rule in the administration of government and thriftness in such administration appears to be the exception.

Somehow, the government practices thriftness only minimally. But it is fair to say that

few devoted government officials, employees and workers have espoused the principle that indeed, a public office is a public trust and therefore, the money of the people should be spent for their welfare and benefit.

But let us recall the recent past when the devilish practitioners of graft and corruption in the government had amassed ill-gotten wealth and produced among us notorious robbers who plundered the Philippine government coffers. We have government infrastructure projects, such as highways, dams, geothermal and nuclear electric plants with foreign funding. Our unscrupulous public officials, ignoring the basic trait of thriftness and siphoning dollars abroad. This caused our foreign indebtedness to unreasonably increase to US\$ 30 billion dollars, rendering our dollar earnings not even sufficient to service interests.

The government can be thrifty in handling our foreign indebtedness by stopping borrowing from the International



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Monetary Fund, World Bank, consortium of foreign banks, and other foreign fund sources. At the same time, it should attract and encourage more foreign investments to boost our export earnings.

For quite a long time now, the government has forgotten thriftness in the import-export aspect of the economy because up to now, our imports still far

exceed our exports in value.

As a people, we Filipinos are notorious violators of the trait of thriftness. During elections, for instance, many candidates for public office overspend in their election campaign by pampering the voters to a point that they do not go to the voting precincts without doleouts, in cash or in kind, and provision for free transportation. And often, the candidates buy the voters. The recovery of what winning candidates spent is one of the roots of graft and corruption committed by elected public officials. There are many instances when documents and other papers on the desk of government officials, employees or workers do not move unless "grease money" is given. Sometimes, the people transacting business, even routine ones, with the government are the ones voluntarily giving "grease money." How can there be thriftness in government, and among the people with this evil practice?

Fiestas which are of Spanish

origin, particularly in the rural areas, are occasions for and causes of overspending. To practice thriftness, Filipinos who are predominantly Catholic should celebrate religious events without expensive fiestas which must be now considered as belonging to the indolent past.

There are vices which deserve the death penalty because these are the "killers" of thriftness. Some of these vices include the "kabit system" with Mr. Husband having one or two wives. In some instance, Mrs. Ambusher has an affair with Mr. Married. Gambling is another vice in which Mr. Gambler wastes time and money in casinos or other gambling joints.

Gunrunning is another illegal activity that should be penalized with death. Mr. Gunrunner usually makes a fortune in his illegal trade. Stock market manipulators also deserve the electric chair. Mr. Manipulator creates a false boom in the stock market, unjustifiably raising the prices of issues.

## From the provinces

**ORANI, Bataan:** The provincial prosecutor's office here has filed charges against a Makati businessman and his wife for alleged violation of the Bouncing Check Law.

The complainant is Bataan provincial board member Amelita Sison, who is a prawn merchant. The complainant is Bataan provincial board member Amelita Sison, who is a prawn merchant. The complaints, docketed as criminal cases numbers 4382 up to 4395 at the Bataan Regional Trial Court branch I, were filed by Assistant Provincial Prosecutors Rustico Mallari, Benjamin Vianzon, and Ildefonso Tario.

Sison alleged that a fellow prawn merchant, Caesar Tanjuto, issued to her 14 cheques representing payments of prawn shipments totalling to P3,456,368.20.

She said a similar complaint was filed against Tanjuto's wife, Marina Tanjuto. The information against Mrs. Tanjuto was filed with RTC branch II and was docketed as criminal case numbers 4411 up to 4415.

Sison's lawyer, Edmundo S. Legaspi, her nephew, said that all the 19 cheques issued by the Tanjutos to Sison from Oct. 13, 1988 to Dec. 7, 1988 bounced.

The Tanjutos were charged with violation of Batas Pambansa Bg. 22.

Penalty upon conviction ranges from imprisonment of one month to one year and a fine of not more than double the amount of each cheque but in no case more than P200,000 or both at the discretion of the court. (Cesar dela Torre)

**PASAY CITY:** Assistant Prosecutor Rolando Abrazado issued subpoena to the men of newly appointed Metropolitan Police Field Force (MPFF) commander Col. Romes Maganto who conducted Monday night a raid on a suspected gambling den here.

Abrazado said that he issued the subpoena following a complaint by some of those arrested during the raid that the raiders asked money from them.

Maganto's men, led by Capt. Ramon Reyes, arrested some 35 bettors during the raid of a suspected "sakla" den on the ground floor of the Fame Theater on Libertad St., this city Monday night.

During the inquest, Abrazado said that the lawmen turned over P500 cash money seized from the suspects and gambling paraphernalia.

However, Abrazado said that he found out that there is some kind of irregularity during the raid when at least three of those arrested — Bonifacio Deocoreza, Teresa de Guia, and Zeny Buenaventura — complained that the policeman asked from them money ranging from P500 to P1,400. (SSM)

A suspected "shabu" dealer, reportedly a member of an international syndicate, was shot and killed by a team of Western Police District anti-narcotics agents near a hotel in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Capt. Reynaldo Jaylo identified the suspected "shabus" dealer as Willy Co. 45. He was billeted at Room 713 of Lalai Hotel on Ongpin St., Sta. Cruz.

Co was the 18th suspected drug and "shabu" dealer killed or captured by members of the anti-narcotics section of the Manila police this year.

Co and his companion reportedly tried to escape after they found out that policemen had surrounded their room. They were shot during their escape, police said. Co's companion eluded arrest but he was reportedly hit during the shootout.

Seized from Co were several grams of "shabu" and a .38 calibre revolver. Rolling papers and dried marijuana leaves were also found in his room, Jaylo said. (Vic Vega)

**COTABATO CITY:** Maguindanao Gov. Zacaria A. Candao has launched a one-man information campaign on the Organic Act for the proposed Muslim Mindanao autonomous region.

Candao, former legal adviser of Moro National Liberation Front chairman Nur Misuari, said that his campaign seeks to help the people in the southern Philippines know the important provisions of the organic act together and their implications to the people's social and economic life.

According to Candao, it is necessary that the inhabitants in the 13 provinces and nine

cities covered by the proposed autonomous government should be aware of the meanings and intentions of the law so that they can decide wisely on the issue during the Nov 19 plebiscite.

Candao feared that the Philippine Information Agency, the national government's information arm, may not be able to undertake a truly massive information and dissemination activity on the act due to the limited 45-day campaign period which will end on Nov 17.

It is, therefore, imperative that concerned local executive assist the government in the information campaign, said Candao whose information drive has taken him to Zamboanga del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Basilan, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, and Davao del Sur. (Tony Pe. Rimando)

**MANILA:** Heavy fines will be imposed on taxicab drivers and operators who violate transportation laws, rules, regulations, and the terms and conditions of their franchises, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) said.

The violations, with the corresponding liabilities, were listed in a Code of Penalties (COP) released recently by the LTO.

Assistant Secretary for Land Transportation Manuel N. Sabalza, LTO chief, said that the operator of taxicabs with fast, tempered, defective, or non-operational taximeter will be charged a fine of P2,000 per unit.

The fine will be imposed for operating a taxicab with metre whose seal has been tampered with, broken, or altered, or found to be fake, Sabalza said.

The driver of the taxicab will be penalized with confiscation and suspension of his license for three months for the first violation, suspension of six months for the second violation, and revocation of his license for the third time he is found guilty of the same violation.

Lawyer Guillermo Maglaya, chief of the LTO's law enforcement service (LES), said that from last July 10 to August 31, the LTO has apprehended 58 taxicabs with fast meters, and suspended for one month the licenses of 236 taxicab drivers for refusing to convey passengers.

**SANDIGANBAYAN:** Criminal charges were filed before the Sandiganbayan against a former governor and a provincial officer-in-charge (OIC) for alleged falsification of public documents and violations of the anti-graft law.

Charged were former Quirino governor Mariano Pimentel and Western Samar OIC Antonio Bolastig. Also charged with Pimentel was former provincial secretary Lilia Salamat.

The criminal charge sheets against Pimentel and Salamat stated that the two provincial officials falsified resolutions passed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Quirino in 1988. The resolutions pertained to the P488,000 appropriations from provincial coffers, P5,000 additional budget for projects.

Ombudsman Conrado M. Vasquez said the three resolutions were fabricated by Pimentel and Salamat. Aside from Bolastig, also charged in the Western Samar case were provincial treasurer Pedro Ason, property officer Prudencio Macabenta, and businessman Reynaldo Esparaguera.

**MAKATI:** Another political problem is brewing in Makati on who will fill up the vacancy in the 12-member municipal council left by new Vice Mayor Augusto "Chiquito" Pangan.

In a letter to Metro Manila Gov. Elfen Cruz, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay recommended the appointment, of Armando San Miguel, a retired colonel, as councilor.

"I believe that Mr. San Miguel is the best choice for the vacancy since he garnered the 13th highest vote among the candidates for councilors in the January, 1988, local polls with only a few hundred votes separating him from the 12th candidate," Binay said.

Binay said San Miguel ran under the PDP-Laban ticket and with the resignation of Conchita S. Bernardo as vice-mayor who also ran under the same political party, "it is but fair that the vacancy be filled up by a PDP-Laban member to maintain the political balance."

**CALOOCAN CITY:** Concerned citizens of Caloocan City have urged the Commission on Election's second division for an early resolution of the election protest filed with the poll body by former officer-in-charge Dr. Antonio C. Martinez against Macario Asistio Jr.

Reports said the revision of official ballots in 93 precincts in the city has been finished, and revisors have discovered alleged irregularities such as identical voters, fake ballots, watermarks/seal very visible on ballot, and whole batches of ballots filled up by two to five persons only as evidenced by the same handwriting strokes.

**TAGUM, Davao del Norte:** The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has dismissed a case filed against lawyer Jose T. Amacio, general manager of the Davao del Norte Electric Cooperative (Danco), for alleged misuse of co-operative funds involving the sale of a truck.

Earlier, Danco, in Resolution No. 26 dated May 26, 1989, had recommended the dismissal of Amacio.

Amacio was charged with grave abuse of discretion for approving the sale of a co-operative owned truck to Edgardo Savellano.

Romulo Maristasa, head of NEA legal services, who conducted a review of the case, said that the committee that conducted the investigation failed to observe the basic requirements of due process.

Maristasa's findings have been approved by NEA Administrator Rodrigo Cabrera.

**CAMP NAKAR, Lucena City:** Brig. Gen. Evaristo G. Carino, 4PC-1NP chief, denied yesterday a news report about his alleged inaction on the letter of Mindoro Oriental Gov. Benjamin Espiritu asking him to stop illegal gambling in the province.

Carino said that before he received the letter of Governor Espiritu, he had ordered Col. Edgardo L. Maristela, Constabulary commander, to stop illegal gambling activities, particularly "Jueteng," in his jurisdiction.

Carino had ordered Maristela to arrest gamblers and other lawless elements and file appropriate charges against them in court.

**BAGUIO CITY:** Officials of the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) office here were accused of graft and corruption for allegedly using public funds for treasure-hunting activities.

City Councilor Eduardo Aguilar, in a privilege speech delivered during the regular session of the city council, said that PTA workers and officials had been engaged in treasure hunting at Burnham Park and other parts of the city in the guise of pursuing development and infrastructure projects.

"What is anomalous is that the workers are being paid out of public funds to do a private enterprise," Aguilar said.

Aguilar aired the accusation after he and Congressman Honorato Aquino inspected one of the PTA projects and discovered that the workers have long completed it, but the project has not been turned over to the concessionaires because, he said, it was being used to camouflage the treasure-hunting venture of the PTA.

Discovered in the project site was an 80-foot hole which was dug in pursuit of hidden treasure, he said.

Questioned by Congressman Aquino who is the chairman of the committee on tourism in the House of Representatives, the workers said that they had been instructed by PTA officials to go on treasure hunting.

Aguino told newsmen that he will confer with tourism officials in Manila and will press for an investigation of the treasure hunting activities of the PTA, which is the infrastructure and development arm of the Department of Tourism.

Aguilar accused Gerald Pimentel, PTA project officer for Baguio, Amado Terte, PTA project engineer, and his assistant Benedict Alteredo as the people directly responsible for giving instructions to the PTA workers to conduct treasure-hunting activities.

He also accused the PTA officials of graft and corruption for the construction of five over-priced public toilets in various parts of the city, some of which, according to Aguilar, are even inaccessible to the public.



"Binasuan" was an applauded number during the Broadway debut of the Bayanihan with dancers Linda Ando Gomez, Veth Atega Nable, Alice Reyes and their male partners. The dancers have since gone on to other achievements in their careers.

## The Bayanihan experience

"WE know how Lea Salonga feels because we've been there!"

This exultant statement is mouthed by the "Broadway batch" of the Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company, who, thirty-years ago, enthralled audiences at New York's Winter Garden Theatre with their performance of Philippine folk dances.

The group feels a certain affinity with London theatre's newest star because they, too, made a mark in the international entertainment scene, thereby winning plaudits for the country.

The gala night of Bayanihan's Glimpses of Philippine Culture on Oct. 13, 1959 earned four curtain calls at intermission and eight more at the programme's end. The show, which ran for a month, won unanimous acclaim from art critics and introduced curious foreigners to a sampling of our rich culture.

Oct 13 marked the exact day of that auspicious Broadway debut. To mark the occasion, Bayanihan enjoined all its alumni to attend a work-shop on Oct. 14 at 3 pm at Philippine Women's University, the original site of the group's pioneering days. With the theme, "Once a Bayanihan, Always a Bayanihan," the workshop focused on the dance company's continuing research programme, particularly the ongoing project on "Peace and Unity Through Folk Music and Dances."

This project is sponsored by the Rockefeller Brothers and the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation and will delve on the similarities in music and dance of ASEAN countries.

After three decades, one wonders where the group which made a name for the Philippines in the theatre

world has gone to. Well, two of the Bayanihan staff members are now national artists: Lucrecia Urzula and Lucrecia Kasilag, dance director-choreographer and music director-composer respectively. Rodrigo Perez III, technical director, is now the Most Rev. Rector of San Beda College, Jose Lardizabal, then production consultant is now artistic director. Leticia de Guzman is now the top administrator of Bayanihan while Isabel Santos is in place as costume director.

Alice Reyes, Tinkling, and Habanera soloist, is now president of CCP Dance Foundation, Inc. an artistic director of Ballet Philippines. Tony Fabella and Eddie Elejar are among the country's top choreographers.

Diverse are the fields that the others have ventured into. Teddy Verzosa of Baguio, master of the nose flute and Debakan drums, supplies McDonald's with all its potato needs. (Lifestyle featured the "potato king" earlier this year). Boy Guino-o is a leading couturier of Mindanao. Johnny Hubilla has an interior design column in Mr. & Ms. Maribel Carag Dario dabbles in public relations work. Quite a few have opted to be homemakers.

Thirty years may have passed, but when the Broadway batch-members get together and reminisce, you'd think it all happened just weeks ago. It's not so much the details which remain firmly etched in their minds, but the gaiety of that stint, the camaraderie they shared and the common experiences they underwent.

## Ronnie Lazaro: totally a new man

NOT all actors are given the privilege to portray the role of the first Filipino saint, Lorenzo Ruiz, although others may perceive such role as not as "exciting and challenging" as what action or heavy drama roles can offer.

But nobody looks at the role as more meaningful and more challenging as it is than Ronnie Lazaro. Ronnie essays the role of the Filipino saint in Bulwagang Gantimpala's presentation of "Lorenzo Ruiz" currently on tour of schools in Metro Manila and the provinces. The play is written for stage by Rene O. Villanueva and directed by Tony Espajo.

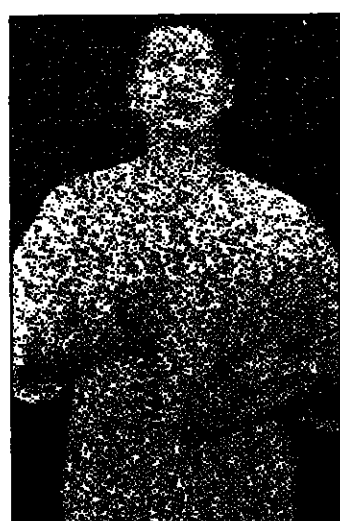
"Ang sarap ng feeling," Ronnie describes, the satisfaction radiating from his face. "Every performance makes my hair stand on the end. Portraying Lorenzo Ruiz gives me the fulfillment I never got from any other roles I have done in the past."

"Lorenzo Ruiz" the stageplay, explains Ronnie, is a story of faith and its triumph over obstacles.

"It gave me the opportunity to feel him and what he went through. I relate so much with him, especially when he cries out for help, suffering, but in total surrender to his Creator," Ronnie adds.

Such words indeed came from Ronnie, or to put it specifically, the new Ronnie Lazaro. He is no longer the a hard-core-punk-with-earring-spiked-earlobe-C-hampy member that he used to be. He now detests drugs which gave him a different high in the past. He has utterly forgotten his "Boatman" days. Ronnie now sports a clean haircut, wears decent clothes, no longer wears that abhorrent earring. But more than this altered physical appearance, Ronnie, above all, is a new man, inside.

"I realize that as an actor, I affect my audience which is a part of the society, which is a part of



Ronnie Lazaro

generation perhaps," Ronnie explains. "I used to search for happiness everywhere, in drugs, in women. But the feeling would last only for a day. It was only after years later that I learned that we only live once so we must make the best out of life."

Reach for Innerself (RFI) helped effect all these changes in Ronnie's life. RFI, as Ronnie explains, is not a religion, rather it is a study of nature of man which encourages him to use his mental skills to make his life better, happier, more prosperous and peaceful.

"It is not a religion," Ronnie reiterates. "We even have nuns and priests as members, if that will satisfy those who question it."

Ronnie learned about RFI through good friend Mitch Valdes who herself confessed that "she did it" through RFI's help. First, Ronnie attended the nine-day seminar after which he stopped going. "But I lapsed into my old ways," he says. He thus decided to go back to the seminars which urged him to put his life back to order again. Today, Ronnie is one of RFI's staunch prime movers.

## New kids of the block

Jerry Codinera

WHEN he took the plunge to the pro league last year, a lot of basketball experts were saying that Jerry Codinera would be the heir apparent to Roman Fernandez' throne. But as the season progressed, things turn out different for Jerry. And this year, it was evident that Fernandez' throne was being challenged by Benjie Paras and Alvin Patrimonio and Codinera is heir to somebody else!

And that somebody else is Philip Cezar.

The 6-6 Codinera, a vital cog of the Hotdogs, confirmed his intentions when he swatted away on all-time record 11 shots during Purefoods' 126-94 romp San Miguel.

Well, the old record of ten blocked shots in one game actually belongs to Fernandez who achieved the feat on April 24, 1982 in a game between Toyota and Urex. But the acknowledged Shot Block King is Cezar, who posted the most number of rejections the 1987 season at 113 in when he was still with Great Taste.

Several months ago, a solvent company came up with a promo in search of a new Tapal King. Of course, Cezar was still in contention for the title. But being realistic, even Cezar who attended the press conference launching the promo, felt that guys like Codinera and Paras had the best chances of snaring the title.

The races of the Tapal King award was narrowed down to two protagonists at the end of the All-Filipino conference. But still Codinera held a wide advantage over Paras. And that advantage became wider with Codinera's performance in the first two games of the Reinforced conference.

In the first game, aside from having 11 shot blocks, Codinera also had 16 points and 14 rebounds to complete a rare triple double with no assists involved. And in the next game, a 138-130 win over Shell, Codinera had five blocked shots for an average of eight per game.

"Hindiko naman hinahabol" yung premyo sa promotion," quipped Codinera. "Natapat lang kasi sa akin 'yung mga mababangka ko."

At 6-6, he definitely controls a lot of air space within the paint in the conference which limits the height of imports to 6-1. Facts is, San Miguel's Keith Smart and Shell's Steve Burtt have already experienced what it is to challenge Codinera. And chances are, they'd be more cautious next time around.

One may be tall but without timing, one can't execute a clean block. This, it seems, has been mastered by the young Codinera.

As it is, with Codinera taking care of defense and import Dexter Shouse presiding over on offense, Purefoods is going places. While the Hotdogs are lording it over the fields, Grand Slam seeking San Miguel is languishing in the cellar.

"Kasi desidido kaming lahat na magchampion ngayong taong ito. Tatlong beses na kaming napunta sa finals pero laging second place na lang ang naaabot namin. Nakakasawa na," said Codinera.

As part of their psyching up programme, Codinera, along with the rest of the Purefoods crew attended a three-day seminar at the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) in Tagaytay. And maybe, lessons learned in that seminar have helped Codinera, so much that he was suddenly turned into a defensive monster.

So far, there are only ten active PBA players who have compiled 200 or more blocked shots after 15 PBA seasons. The 1988-89 PBA annual lists Fernandez (1497 in 748 games), Cezar (1244 in 770), Abet Guidaben (699 in 774), Manny Victorino (574 in 401), Abe King (491 in 575), Romulo Mamaril (480 in 336), Ricky Relosa (475 in 394), Elpidio Villamin (406 in 378), Freddie Hubalde (390 in 754), and Arnie Tualdes (283 in 526).



Jerry Codinera had 11 blocked shots against San Miguel and five against Formula Shell.



## EVENTS



## Nritha Santhi's shindig

THE salubrious evening of October 13, witnessed another well organised show at the Indian Arts Circle Auditorium in Funaitees when a group of young and talented artists, of the Nritha Santhi Dance School in Abbasiya, staged a programme of selected classical, semi-classical and folk dances.

The programme, which went on for 2 hours and 15 minutes in front of a full auditorium, was very well choreographed and directed by Jaysree Viswanath without any flaw.

Right from the preschool age, more than 20 young boys and girls in various stages of training in

the classical art of Bharatanatyam rendered 19 numbers consisting of classical, semi-classical and folk dances. The umbrella dance, which would have passed off as a piece from the mysterious East, was a delightful highlight. While all the children did well, Thillana by Feroz Mohamed Raza and the dances of Jennifer and Ponni won a louder cheer from the audience.

The programme, for which admission was free, was sponsored by the Gulf Flower Supermarket and Gulf Peoples Stores in Abbasiya.



## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

#### MORNING

9.30 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety  
9.50 Around the World: Cartoon Serial  
10.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Al Ghaba: Arabic Serial (part 5)  
11.15 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety  
11.30 That's Incredible: Variety programme  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

#### EVENING

4.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repeat)  
4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: Cartoon Serial (part 23)  
5.15 Nihayat Al Osboob: Local Variety Programme  
5.45 Night Chemists: Airline and Official Advertisements  
6.00 Al Tareeq Ila Al Qods: Historical Serial (part 18)  
7.00 Variety  
7.15 Diwaneya Shuara Al Nabat: Local Programme  
8.00 Cultural Programme  
8.30 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 Arabic News  
9.45 Al Mukafa: Arabic Serial (part 3)  
10.30 Rai Al Seit: Bedouin Serial (part 3)  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 The World Today via Satellite



KTV 2, 10.30—Echoes in the Darkness.

12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcment and Holy Quran  
6.10 The Three Stooges: A cartoon series for children  
6.30 Munsters Today: "A Hero ... When Herman is paid to advertise for certain pills, he is unable to say but the truth!"  
7.00 Mutual of Omaha's: "Antarctic Odyssey"  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Bergerac: "Holiday Shaps" A woman is killed while camping in France. Jim Bergerac starts his investigations ...

9.30 Life and Death. "Flood." Destruction is caused by floods, steps are taken to help and save people.  
10.00 The Robert Show: "All That Shimmers." Ed and his father spend one night in a public place where a number of black girls were present ... His father advises him to speak with one of them ...  
10.30 Bestseller: "Echoes in the Darkness" Part II. Holts, and his partner, begin the painstaking task of finding out who killed Susan Reinert, and what happened to her children ...  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

### NIGHT CHEMIST

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## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Islamic Art

A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

#### Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

### SOCIAL

#### NRI lunch

THE NRI Investors Forum will host a lunch for the Indian Ambassador Arun K. Budhuria on Oct 27. All members interested should contact any one of the following before Oct 23. Harish Dhutia - 5744127 (Res), Gururaj Rao - 5650487 (Res), evenings only. Parvash Kumar Merwah - 5628171 (Res), S. Anantharaman - 5615547 (Res).

#### Konkan drama

Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Bover will present "Chintam Zilim Sopnam" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

#### Star Nile

DEC 21: Star Nile Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a Nile to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market

and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

#### Navellim feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Known to be one of the biggest feasts in Salcete Goa, people from all walks of life and communities flock to Navellim Church. Likewise, it has been traditionally celebrated by Navellim youths in Kuwait with much pomp and gaiety, followed by a get-together.

#### Navellim Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

#### Barefoot in the Park

There are now only a few tickets available for the gala performance at 8 pm on Oct. 31, 1989 of the hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park". Tickets for the gala performance are KD4,000, which include a light buffet after the show. Other performances are from Nov 1 to 4, inclusive, at 8 pm, and tickets for these performances are KD3,000 each. The play is directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckle. If its laughter you're after, you are advised to reserve your seats now, by ringing 3903475.

#### Kalpak's drama competition

Kerala Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a Malayalam drama competition on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will only be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction. Stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Varghese Paradayil, P.O. Box 47, 13001 Safat Kuwait.

For more details pls contact Varghese 5635481, Kurien 5658072 or Balakrishnan 4316737.

#### Magic show

NOV. 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details

contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

#### Kuwait Kannada Koota

NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/3714089.

#### Kuwait Cultural Centre

NEW courses at the cultural centre: yoga healing classes, two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays; jujitsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays, pm; Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393.

#### Harvest festival

THE National Evangelical Church in Kuwait is organising the 4th International Harvest Festival to take place at the church compound on Thursday, November 2nd from 1 - 5 pm. The compound is located at the corner of Hilali and Arabian Gulf Streets (opposite the National Assembly Building).

Come early, 1 pm opening, and choose your lunch from an international selection of home cooking. You may buy your Christmas gifts from a variety of stalls, try your skill at various games, browse through the Second Hand Book table, and when you are hungry again there will be a Hot Dog Stall, or if you have a sweet tooth, try tea (or coffee) and cake.

The proceeds go to charities all over the world. Do your bit to feed the hungry and heal the sick.

#### Flassik's Halloween

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flassik) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridien Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flassik friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flassik enjoins the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait. The proceeds of Halloween night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flassik which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here.

Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a

sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flassik friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson's look-alike in the best-selling movie — "Thriller". Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flassik Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flassik supporters. Tickets are available at KD 5 in various outlets: Bobby's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Good Hand Restaurant and Durrani International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flassik Pro Rose Formantes, Vee Chary Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo Tel: 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RC Ruiz, Tel: 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel: 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dungo Tel: 5312700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel: 4572549.

#### British Council

Storytelling session: Oct 26. The British Council will hold a story-telling session on Thursday at 10.30 am. Children of all nationalities, aged 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the magic of books.

The Education Information Office will be open on Oct 21 and 22 will give detailed information about training in Britain in hotel and catering; hair-dressing, secretarial studies, beauty therapy and other courses.

#### Narthana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

#### Breeze 89

Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casmiro or

Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

#### Ladies International League

THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL. Attend the informal and fun monthly meetings and join in the social events and activities.

Upcoming events: New-comers meeting: October 30 1989 Surra — For further information please phone Neera, 3914503 or Dianne, 5335598.

Bazaar: November 2 1989 (Kuwait International Hotel) Safat Room.

1st 'Big' meeting: November 6, 1989 (Kuwait Regency Palace) Al-Bida Room.

Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL.

Ladies International League Bazaar: to be held Thursday, Nov 2 at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room, from 10 am to 6 pm. Come and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Also, tents and Al Assaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) will be there. Raffle and door prizes.

#### Palestinian exhibition

The General Union of Palestinian Women will be holding its 13th General Palestinian Folklore Exhibition at the Special Hall of the International Fairgrounds in Mjshref. The exhibition will be on Tuesday Oct 24, 6-9pm, Wednesday and Thursday (25 and 26) at 10-1 and 4-30-6:30 and Friday 27 at 10 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 8 pm.

#### People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

#### Bengali dance drama

The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Kathar Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact: Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

### SPORTS

#### Indoor games

THE Bangladesh Association will hold an indoor games competition in the embassy's premises for chess, bridge, table tennis and carom (ladies and men separately) from November 9 to 24, '89. Interested participants are requested to contact for registration on or before October 31, '89 with any of the following persons: Zaki 4741876, Yusuf 4314193, Qamrul 3922257, Mahbub 4744490, Mahmud Hassan Babu 4743456 and Ashrafur Rahman Rubel.

#### At the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre

SWIMMING lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members.

Mon, Tues, Wed 5.30 to 5.30, beginners, improvers, adults mixed keep fit classes, Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1 noon and 1-2, Sat 5-6pm. Ladies keep fit Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 n Sun 5.30 - 6.30. Martial arts with black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6. Taekwondo Sat-Mon, 7-8 Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournament. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coaches everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available plus lots more. Phone for further details — recreation manager, 4742000 ext 6788 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

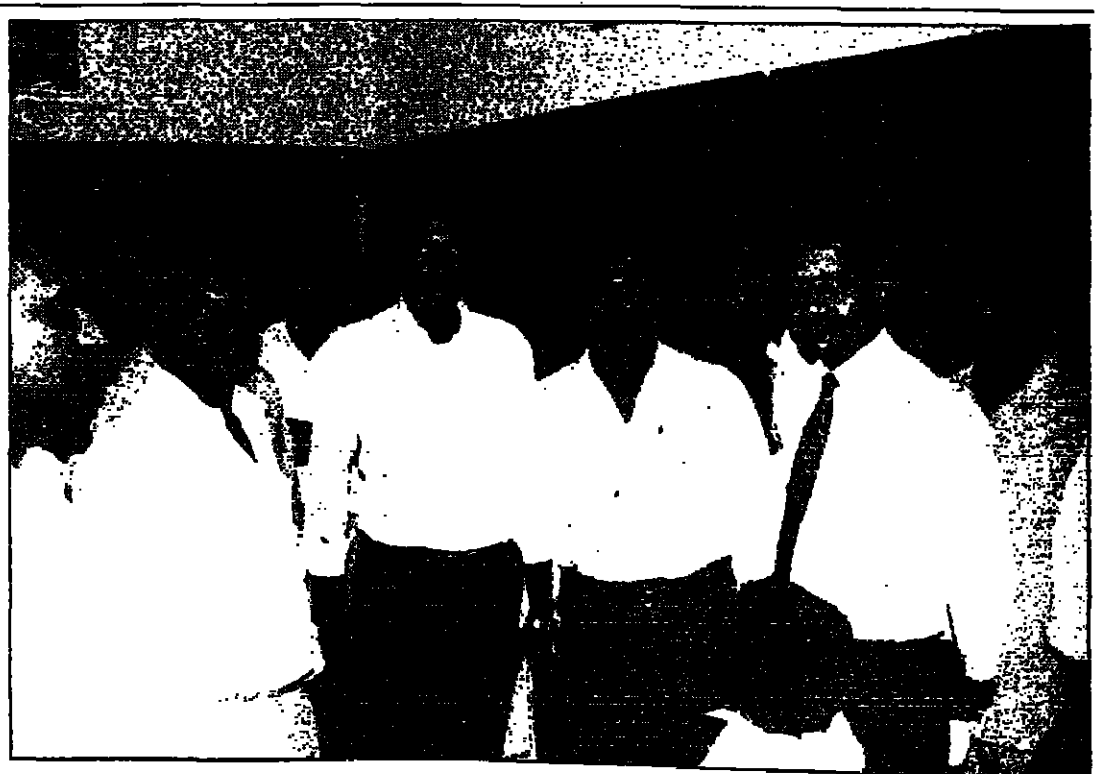
● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

### CINEMA

Al Andalus Arab film  
Salmiyah Hall booked  
Al Hamra Arab film  
Drive-In Arab film  
Al Firdous  
Dil Tujko Diya  
Fahad Open  
Chor Ka Bhai Chor  
Fahad  
Blue Beard  
Al Jahra  
Ganga Tere Desh Mein  
Granada  
Kaalchakra  
Salaikhat  
Tiger Shark  
Jeeb  
Arab film  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Scalps

### PRAYERS

Fajr	4.34 am
Zuhr	11.33
Asr	2.46 pm
Maghreb	5.11
Isha	6.28



## Nadar Sangam hosts reception

Nadar Sangam, Kuwait, a socio-cultural organisation of Indian Tamils hosted a reception for A.R. Rahman Khan, Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, who is on a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia en-route most of the Gulf countries meeting the Tamils and hearing their grievances. Nadar Sangam presented a memorandum requesting Khan to take effective follow-up action in respect of an earlier representation submitted by the Organisation to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Dr Karunanidhi, requesting him for the allocation of a certain number of seats in the various courses in the professional colleges for the children of non-resident Indians hailing from Tamil Nadu in each academic year and admission given on merit basis.



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# MARKET PLACE

## ACCOMMODATION

### Available

SHARQ, behind City Restaurant. One room in a 2 bedroom: CAC flat for an Indian bachelor to share with a Mangalorean bachelor. Tele. Walter, 2402418 after 2.00 pm.

(AT2-49956-3)  
HASSAWI. One room with water and electricity for one or two bachelors to share with an Indian family. Rent KD40. Tele. 4311615, 1-4pm and 8-10pm.

(AT1-49925-2)  
SALMIYA. Build. No 2, Flat No. 4, behind Al Ayadi building. Begh-dad Street. One room with tele. facilities for two Indian ladies to share with a family. Bus routes 14, 15, 30, 109. Tele. 5715304.

(AT1-49893-3)  
KUWAIT City. Sharp, one spacious room in a CAC flat for 2 Indian bachelors to share with an Indian small family. Tele. 4831636 ext 461 from 7.30 am and 12.30 pm and 4 to 6.30 pm.

(AT1-49905-3)  
SALMIYA. Behind the Holiday Inn, one room with tele. facilities for a bachelor to share with a family. Tele. Pinto, 4764602, after 4.30 pm.

(AT2-49935-3)  
SALMIYA. Near the Salmiya Educational Centre. Single room for Indian bachelors. Bus routes 15, 24, 30, 19. Tele. 5749750, 9am-10 pm.

(AT6-49889-3)  
KHETAN, two bedroom flat fully furnished with AC, available from 1st November. Rent KD180. Tele. 4718156, 4818775.

(AT1-49927-3)  
BAYAN, deluxe 2 storey villa, with 5 bedrooms, with a large garden in excellent location. Suitable for an executive or diplomat. Rent KD650. Tele. 2621120, 2564814, 5386444.

(AT2-49929-6)  
SALMIYA, one-bedroom CAC apartment with bedroom set, sofa, fridge, cooker, carpets and curtains. KD300. Rent KD130 pm. Tele. Vincent, 4839265, 4834807.

(AT1-49909-2)  
SALWA, spacious flat near Sunshine School, furniture, household items, bedset, babycot, swimming pool and kitchen cabinets. Rent KD140. Tele. Singh, 5638324, 2409696, 8am-1 pm, 2-8 pm.

(AT6-49895-3)  
NEAR the GPO, single room in a CAC flat for two Indian bachelors or a couple to share with an Indian family. Tele. 2406332.

(AT1-49881-2)  
SALWA, House No. 196, Block No. 7. One room with kitchen and tele. facilities for a family to share with an Indian family. Bus routes 34, 102. Rent KD50. Tele. 5611243.

(AT2-49944-3)  
ABBASIYA. One bedroom flat fully furnished with tele. facilities for 2 to 4 months from 1.11.89. Rent KD115. Tele. 4319268 from 4-9pm.

(AT1-49907-2)  
KUWAIT City. Single room in a CAC flat for one bachelor only to share with an Indian Christian family. Rent KD60. Tele. Agnelo, 4719023, 8-11 am, 4-6 pm only.

(AT6-DR-HU-3)  
FARWANIYA, behind the Holiday Inn, one room with tele. facilities for a bachelor to share with a family. Tele. Pinto, 4764602, after 4.30 pm.

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BENIED AL QAR, sea-facing, 3-bedroom flat with complete bedroom set, single beds, dining table, carpets and curtains. Available from 1st November. Rent KD250. Tele. 2525117, 2404258.

(AT6-49903-3)  
COOKING range, sofast, washing machines, curtains, sewing machine and other household items. Tele. 5719802.

(AT1-49924-2)  
REFRIGERATOR, freezer, tables and Ikea chairs for sale like new. Tele. 3926915, 11 am - 3 pm, and 6-11 pm.

(AT1-49914-6)  
CARS  
MAZDA 626L, 1988, 2.2 litre FI engine, all options. US specifications, in excellent condition. KD2850. Tele. 2403956 after 5 pm.

(AT1-49902-3)  
PEUGEOT 604, 1985 model, anti-bullet, in good condition. Make your offer in return envelope before 25/10/89 to Mrs Chok, PO Box 1037, 13011, Safat. Tele. 5312000.

(AT1-49901-3)  
MERCEDES Benz 280 SE, 1981 automatic, 124, 000 kms, in excellent condition. KD2700. Tele. Vincent, 4839265, 4834807.

(AT1-49909-2)  
NISSAN Liberta 1.8 GLS, 1983 model, fully automatic, with hatch-back, sunroof, 4 doors, white exterior, red interior, insured up to March, 1990. Runs good, needs work. KD225. Tele. 4839509.

(AT6-49896-3)  
TOYOTA Cressida, 1988, white, very low mileage, in excellent mechanical condition for sale by the owner. KD3,100. Only serious buyers tele. 2461427, 8am-2 pm.

(AT6-AAA-HU-3)  
HYUNDAI Stellar, '86 model, fully automatic, with AC, in excellent condition. KD750. Tele. 5640865, after 2.30 pm.

(AT6-49897-3)  
GALANT GLS 1985, automatic, in excellent condition. KD100 to owner. Installments KD180 to KD49 per month. Tele. Shabir Ahmed, Tele. 4714858, 7.30 am-6.30 pm.

(AT2-49930-3)  
TOYOTA Corolla '85, white, AC, automatic, in very good condition. KD850. Tele. Mr Basher, 2449669.

(AT2-49955-3)  
SITUATIONS  
Wanted  
YOUNG male secretary, presently in India with experience, fluent in English and French, seeks overseas employment. Tele. Ravi, 4845202.

(AT1-49918-3)  
SECRETARY: computer operator, Indian, a postgraduate, well experienced in office routines and many systems of computer operation with transferable residence, seeks suitable employment. Tele. Jose, 4312186, res.

(AT1-49910-3)  
COMPUTER programmer, Indian, qualified and experienced with experience in Dbase, Cobol, Clipper, C, etc with visa No. 18, seeking job. Tele. Jose Mathew, 2408250.

(AT2-49940-3)  
Vacant  
MAID required immediately for a family to work in London. Tele. 2420548, 2448050 ext. 223.

(AT2-49943-3)  
MAID required for a small family for one month only from Dec. 1, '89 in Jabraya. Tele. 2464636, 7.30 am - 1.30 pm.

(AT1-49886-3)  
LOST  
PASSPORT No D 221663 in the name of Tanq Mahmood Mohammad Rafiq, Pakistani, lost in the airport area. Finder please Tel. 4842059 or inform, the Pakistan embassy.

(AT1-49912-3)  
NAME CHANGE  
I, Konnpathi Subba Ramaiah, holder of Indian Passport No W 472628 embraced Islam and hereby changed my name to Abdullah.

(AT1-49903-3)  
SERVICES  
Tuition  
AMERICAN available for tutoring English. Children aged 5-12 welcome. Tele. 5634040, 12 noon - 4 pm.

(AT6-49887-3)  
Transport  
REQUIRED for a pupil from Al Jameel School in Hawalli to the house in Al Rabia between 11.30 am and 12 noon (Saturday to Wednesday) Tele. Abu Faisal, 4818183, mornings. 5333762, evenings.

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## Eagles to meet Raiders

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21. (AP) Coach Buddy Ryan's game plan for the Los Angeles Raiders tomorrow is no different than any other week.

But let him explain it. "Hang in there until Randall can get hot and he'll beat somebody for you," Ryan said this week of Randall Cunningham, the Philadelphia Eagles' do-everything quarterback.

After last week's 17-3 victory over Phoenix, Ryan said, "Randall was the whole offense. He made the plays himself, by himself. He just didn't catch the ball. He couldn't run down and catch it."

Cunningham is about as close to a one-man offense as you'll find in the NFL. He's the passer, leading runner, even the leading punter. He's believed to be the only player ever to accomplish the 40-40-40—throw for 40 yards or more, run for 40 or more and punt for 40 or more in a single game.

Cunningham has completed 124 of 226 passes for 1,578 yards and 11 touchdowns. He's been intercepted nine times and sacked 16. He's carried the ball 39 times for 219 yards, a 5.6 average.

Spiritually and statistically, Cunningham is the Philadelphia Eagles. "Buddy wants me to the job," Cunningham said. "I accept the challenge. Somebody has got to do it."

There is no sound of ego or bravado in Cunningham's tone as he says, "I don't mind being the horse of the offense."

"But Buddy really doesn't mean that I can do it alone. The other guys have to do their job. I can't do it alone. I think that he expects me to make five big plays a game," he said.

Ryan hopes the Eagles (4-2) can overcome a failing that has marked this team over the past two seasons. They came out flat against teams they're expected to beat.

Last week against the crippled Phoenix Cardinals was a typical example. The Eagles, favored by five points, trailed 5-0 at the half. The offense was awful. Cunningham completed 4 of 11 passes for 33 yards and three interceptions. They rallied behind Cunningham in the second half to win 17-5.

The Eagles are 6 1-2 point favorites over the Raiders (3-3).

The Eagles will be without Mike Quick, the five-time pro bowl wide receiver and main deep threat. Quick is gone for the season after an operation this week to repair tendons in his left knee. Ron Johnson and Gregg Garrity will share Quick's job.

## Prost to share front row Senna takes pole spot



Senna talks to a team mechanic just before the start of the timed practice. (Reuters wirephoto).

SUZUKA, Japan, Oct. 21. (Reuters) Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna maintained his title hopes and his extraordinary run of qualifying successes today when he beat his own record to take pole position for tomorrow's Japanese Grand Prix motor race.

Senna improved by 1.4 seconds on his record time set in yesterday's opening qualifying when he clocked one minute and 38.041 seconds on a clear flying lap in the second official session.

It secured his fifth pole in succession, his 12th of the season and extended his record career total of poles to 41 as he prepared to keep alive his title defence by winning tomorrow's 53-lap race.

The Brazilian, who must win to prevent his McLaren team mate Alain Prost from claiming the championship, will share the front row of the grid with the Frenchman with whom he has not spoken directly for six months.

Prost improved his time by more than a second today but it was not enough to overhaul Senna who finished more than 1.7 seconds faster round the twisting figure-eight circuit. Prost clocked 1:39.771.

Austrian Gerhard Berger and Ferrari team-mate Nigel Mansell of Britain share the second row after experiencing mixed fortunes in the final session.

Berger produced an excellent lap to improve to 1:40.187, des-

pite blistering his tyres, but Mansell was unable to improve and finished the session in a puzzled and disappointed mood after his engine had inexplicably cut out.

Italians Riccardo Patrese in a Williams and Alessandro Nannini in a Benetton will share the third row after recording the fifth and sixth best times.

Senna once again dominated the session. He set an early fastest lap of 1:39.079 and then, midway through, improved with his pole time thanks to a traffic-free run.

"My fastest lap wasn't a smooth one, but it was quick because," he said, "I fumbled a couple of gearchanges, but it was a great lap. Very exciting and very satisfying."

Commenting on the pressure he is under with the championship at stake, he said: "I have no fear.... We have a reliable car in normal circumstances and it will depend on finding the perfect balance for the race."

"It is always a special task for me at every race. My object is to concentrate hard, to leave all the pressures aside, to isolate all the people, the fans and photographers and concentrate on achieving the best of myself physically and mentally."

"I have nothing to lose. I'll drive as fast as I can to win. It is the way I like to drive. I like the challenge of racing to win. It is something that stimulates me and gives me something extra."

## Harding wins figure skating title

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 21. (Reuters) Tonya Harding of the United States upset national champion Jill Trenary to win the women's individual event at the Skate America figure skating competition yesterday.

The 18-year-old Harding, winning the most important event of her career, also led after Thursday night's short programme to win the title. Trenary was second and Simone Lang of East Germany was third.

Harding, skating seventh in a field of eleven, received the highest marks on both technical merit and artistic impression from the

panel of international judges. She received four 5.8s for technical merit and three 5.7s for artistic impression.

Trenary, the bronze medalist in this year's world championships, lost any hope of overtaking Harding when she fell attempting a triple jump and almost fell twice more.

Harding cleanly landed five triples and three combination jumps in her four-minute programme which drew a standing ovation.

Viktor Petrenko, of the Soviet Union, bronze medalist in the 1988 Olympics, became the early

leader in men's competition, winning the original programme over world champion Kurt Browning, of Canada. American Christopher Bowman was third.

In ice dancing, the Soviet pair of Maia Usova and Alexander Zhulin, retained their lead with one segment of the three-part competition remaining.

In the only other final yesterday, Natalia Mishkutenok and Artur Dmitriev of the Soviet Union easily retained their Skate America pairs championship. The US pair of Kristi Yamaguchi and Rudo Galindo was second.

## Benn scores easy victory

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Oct. 21. (AP) London middleweight Nigel Benn outboxed Jorge Amparo of the Dominican Republic to notch an easy 10-round unanimous decision last night.

Benn, 25, entered the match ranked seventh by the World Boxing Association and eighth by the International Boxing Federation, and preserved his ranking with decision.

It was his first fight since a seven-round knockout loss to Michael Watson in May.



Fans line up at Candlestick Park to return World Series tickets or buy some that have become available. (Reuters wirephoto).

## Baseball hit by trouble

Darkest season keeps getting darker

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (AP) First, there was scandal. Then, shame and sorrow. Finally, death and destruction.

Baseball's darkest season keeps getting darker.

Bart Giamatti's death. Pete Rose's lifetime ban.

And now, the earthquake at the World Series.

Not even the end of the year will end the ordeal.

Labour problems lie ahead, and so does the possibility of a lockout on opening day.

"You wonder when it will all stop. But we're not immune from real life," Dave Dravecky, another of the year's sad stories, said. Dravecky battled cancer in his arm and broke the arm twice this season.

In another tragedy, Donnie Moore, haunted by one pitch, one of perhaps 50 million in the Majors over the years, shot himself dead.

It seems so simple, this child's game played by adults. But it isn't.

From the start, baseball 1989 was in trouble.

In spring training, Margo Adams and her sex-

scapades with Wade Boggs got more attention than true-life hero Orel Hershiser.

So did Steve Garvey and his two pregnant girlfriends. He married another woman, and his ex-wife later wound up with a book and a booking in jail.

At least those stories, surprising and all, were believable. But to many it didn't seem possible Rose bet on the sport he symbolized.

Whether the game's most prolific hitter was guilty of gambling on baseball and his own team might never be known for sure. He and commissioner Giamatti never had their hearing—a messy court case stopped it—and finally they reached an agreement: looking old and tired, Rose was banned

for life.

Just eight days after Giamatti announced the penalty, he died of a heart attack, and baseball was deprived of a man who truly cared about the game.

Earlier in the summer, it all ended for Moore. Once one of the best relievers in baseball, he was one strike away from putting California into the 1986 World Series.

Instead, Dave Henderson hit a home run that rescued Boston and rallied the Red Sox in the playoffs. Moore stuck around for a few seasons but never was the same. In July, he committed suicide.

"That pitch killed him," David Pinter, Moore's agent, said.

Despite death, the game did go on, as it always has. Until this week, that is. An earthquake shook

Candlestick Park a half-hour before Oakland and San Francisco were to start game 3 of the World Series.

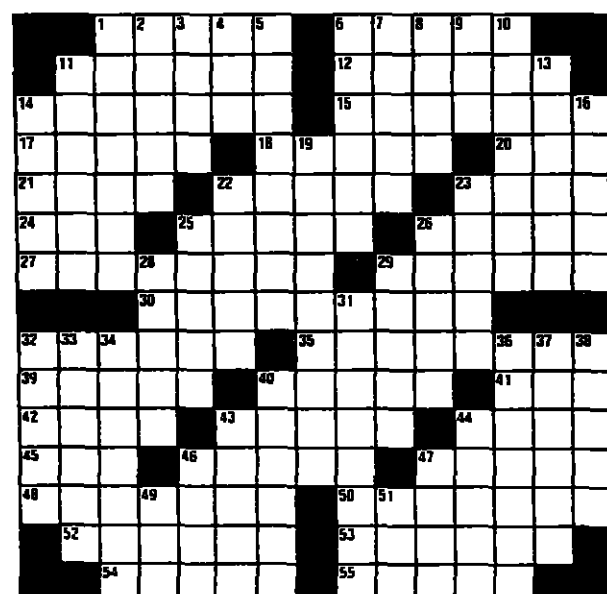
The last hope for a happy ending was shattered. No one was injured in the baseball park, but elsewhere in the area, hundreds were killed and hundreds more were injured in the devastation.

The World Series was postponed.

In the San Francisco clubhouse, Dravecky reflected on the season, his left arm in a sling. Injuries are a part of any year, so those to Dave Winfield, Jose Canseco, Dwight Gooden and others were not unusual.

Dravecky's hurt, however, was shared by many. He made a remarkable recovery from cancer surgery on his pitching arm and seemed to regain his form when, in his second start for the Giants, his left arm suddenly snapped.

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♦ 6  
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♦ A K 10 8 7 3  
♣ 9 4

**SOUTH**  
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♥ A K 8  
♦ Q J 9 4  
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The bidding:  
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Opening lead: Five of ♠  
Here's another fine defensive hand from the recent European Championships in Turku, Finland. It arose in the Italy-Denmark match. The Danes, among the pre-tournament favorites, were challenging strongly for the title. To all intents and purposes, Italy was out of the running.

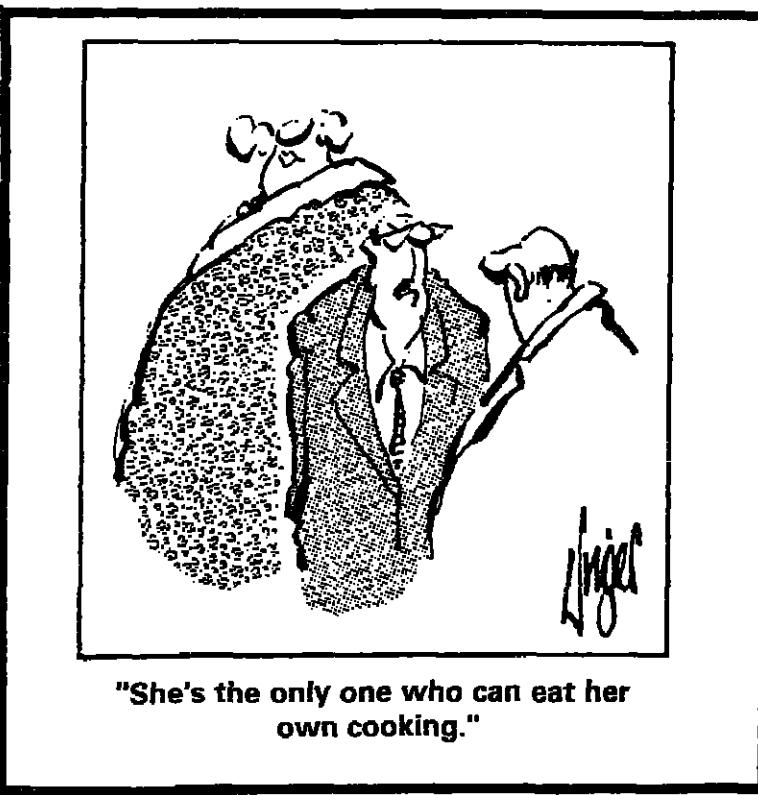
The bidding was short and sweet.

East's jump to two diamonds was, of course, preemptive.

East covered dummy's six of diamonds with the seven and declarer's nine won. Looking at all the cards, it's easy to see that declarer can make his contract by dropping the queen of hearts, but that's not a very high-percentage play. Instead, South tried to set up a second spade trick, so at trick two a low spade was ducked to West's queen. The defenders took the ace and king of diamonds, followed by a third diamond. Hearts were sluffed from dummy, and West parted with a heart and then the king of spades!

With clubs breaking 4-2, declarer had only eight tricks. His ninth would have to come from spades, but as a result of West's discard there was no way to set up a long spade without letting East gain the lead. And that worthy had more than enough diamonds to sink the contract.

That got Italy off to a good start and they piled on the pressure to annihilate Denmark by a score of 25-3. The Danes never recovered from this setback, and were out of contention at the finish.



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### YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will find it hard not to be extravagant, but you must try. Not everything will be to your liking but you will be able to make the most of what is. Do not come into conflict with your partner. Be abstemious.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will be able to solve a problem that has been dogging you. You should try not to allow your emotions to get out of hand. Make sure you stick to safe limits. Be sensible.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
Do not eat or drink more than you know you should. Your lucky numbers are 9 and 24. Not everything will be the way you would like but you will be able to make the best of things.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
An act of kindness on your part will be much appreciated. You should not dwell too much on the past. It is over and done with. There is no need to be pessimistic. Be grateful.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
At first you will tend to be rather tense but you will soon find a means whereby you can relax. Something you have not done for a long time will again become possible. Avoid thinking too much about work. Be sincere.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You should give your sense of humor a bit more practice. Avoid allowing yourself to become distracted, but do relax. Show your children the right way of going about something you know well. Be patient.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
You will be able to solve a problem that is a little different. You will be tempted to spend more than you can afford—don't. Keep calm even when dealing with a nervous person. Be considerate.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
A little time spent tidying up is far from time wasted. Make sure you get enough exercise but do not strain yourself in the process. Try to take a little easy today, no thoughts of work. Be reasonable.

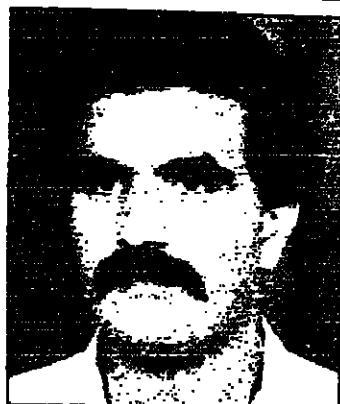
**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You should not try to do too many things all at once. You will be able to put your intelligence to good effect. You should make sure you do not leave until later something you know should be done now. Be lenient.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
There will be a good opportunity but you must act fast if you do not want to waste it. Try to be a little more sympathetic towards someone who has had some bad luck. Something you have been learning will now come easier to you. Be moderate.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Avoid going on a spending spree, but do remember that things are likely to become more expensive. You are liable to jump to conclusions that are likely to be wrong. Avoid all kinds of exaggerations and inaccuracies. Be tolerant.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You will be able to make a few changes for the better. There will be an opportunity to make amends. You should have little more faith and confidence in yourself. Be more tactful.





Farukh: hit 74

## Union CC outclass Starlite

UNION CC thrashed Starlite by eight wickets in a match of the Al Mulla Trophy Cricket tournament at the Ahmadi ground recently.

Starlite captain Arif Hussain opted to bat after winning the toss but his team was soon in trouble, losing their first six wickets for 76 runs. The other batsmen, however, managed to pull the score to 128 for the loss of nine wickets by the end of the 23rd over.

Bader was the top scorer with 50 while the other batsmen failed to tackle the bowling of Kifayat, Nasir and Shehzad who took four, three and three wickets respectively.

Union opened their innings through Farukh and Saleem, who hammered the Starlite bowlers to all parts of the ground from the start of their innings. Farukh was very severe on the bowlers and hit Ali for 14 runs in his first over and by the end of three overs Union had scored 38.

Starlite introduced their spinners in an effort to stem the run-rate but they failed to make any impression on the openers. Saleem was out with the score at 60 and the next batsman K Hadim lost his wicket after scoring only 10 but that was all the success Starlite had. Farukh remained unbeaten on 74 and Jamil on 24 as Union went past the victory target in the 17th over.

## Asghar helps Brothers edge past Siddiqui

BROTHERS Sporting Club, helped by some fine batting from Asghar, defeated Siddiqui Cricket Club in a Friday League Group B match, sponsored by Ibrahim Hussain.

Asghar joined Sadek after Montu was out and took the score to 51 before Sadek was out for 28. Kamal joined Asghar and both of them hammered the bowlers to all parts of the ground.

Asghar was out after he had scored 51 and with Kamal taken the score to 51. Kamal was finally out for 32 and Ruhit hit 15 as Brothers scored 147 for six in 26 overs.

In reply, Siddiqui were all out for 144 in 25.2 overs. Siddiqui still had two wickets left at the start of the 26th over but their tailenders failed to score. Tariq was the main scorer with 51 while Tariq hit 30 and Mehboob 20.

For Brothers, Ruhit took three wickets while Masood got two and Montu, Prakash and Kanti one each.

# West Indies suffer crushing defeat Border bowls Aussies to win

MADRAS, India, Oct. 21. (Reuters): Allan Border grabbed three wickets with his left-arm spinners to inspire Australia to a crushing 99-run win over West Indies in their Nehru Cup one-day cricket match today.

After Australia, who won the toss and decided to bat, had made 241 for six in their 50 overs, West Indies crumbled to a meagre 142 all out with almost 10 of their overs remaining.

The Australian captain, who had earlier shared a 112-run partnership with Geoff Marsh after his side had lost two early wickets, made the most of a helpful pitch to pin the West Indies batsmen down.

They managed to take only 20 runs from his 10 overs and even occasional bowler Dean Jones claimed two wickets with his off-spinners as West Indies gave a spineless batting display.

Only Richie Richardson showed any determination with a 101-ball 61 that included six boundaries. But he then became the second of Border's victims, deceived by one tossed up to be caught and bowled.

The next highest score was 18 by all-rounder Robert Haynes, drafted into the team in place of opener Philip Simmons.

Jones was used as Australia's sixth bowler after off-spinner Tim May was taken to hospital after twisting his ankle while fielding.

Marsh and Border, who won the toss and elected to bat, shared a stand of 112 as Australia recovered after losing their first

two wickets for 35.

The pair slowly overcame the bowling and were beginning to score freely when Border lashed out once too often at leg-spinner Robert Haynes and was caught by Curtly Ambrose at deep long-on for 49.

Marsh, who hit five boundaries in his 74, fell 22 runs later caught at point by Desmond Haynes also off Robert Haynes, but by this time Steve Waugh was also into his stride.

Together with Simon O'Donnell, Waugh put on 61 runs in only six overs and was unbeaten with 53 at the end of the 50 overs.

O'Donnell fell for 17, caught at long-off paceman Winston Benjamin who also bowled Tim Healy for two.

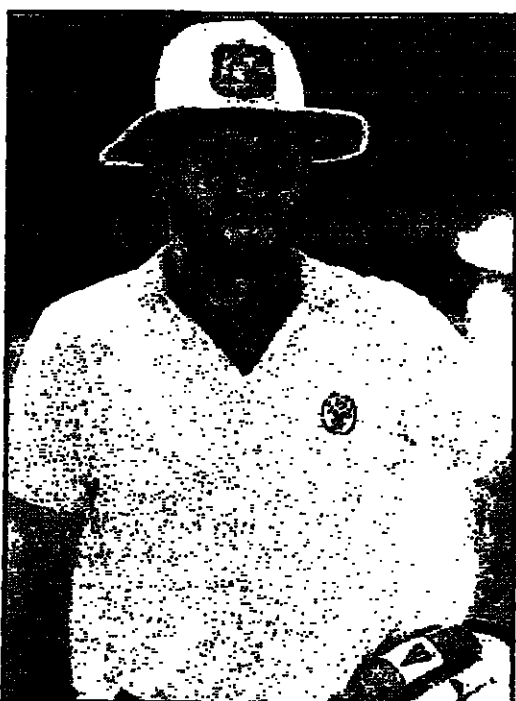
Waugh faced only 44 balls and hit two sixes and four fours.

West Indies made two changes from the side beaten by Sri Lanka in their opening match of the six-nation tournament. Haynes and fast bowler Malcolm Marshall replaced Simmons and Ian Bishop.

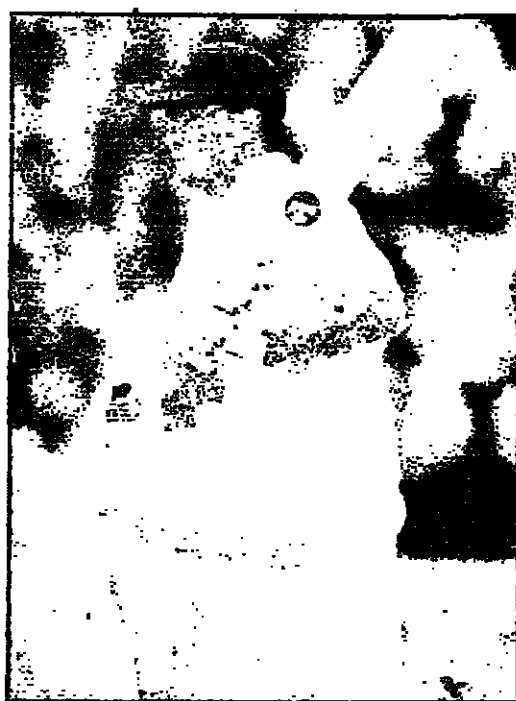
Australia made one change from the side beaten by England on Thursday, opting for the pace bowling of Merv Hughes in place of spinner Peter Taylor.

It was the first win in the six-nation tournament for Australia who lost on Thursday to England and the second defeat for West Indies who were beaten for the first time in their history in a one-day match by Sri Lanka on the same day.

The other two teams in the



Border (left) and Marsh: architects of Australian victory over W. Indies



tournament, India and Pakistan, have their first matches tomorrow, against Sri Lanka and England respectively.

### Scoreboard

**AUSTRALIA**  
G. Marsh c D. Haynes b R. Haynes 74  
D. Jones c Best b Walsh 20  
A. Border c Ambrose b R. Haynes 49  
S. Waugh not out 53  
O'Donnell c R. Haynes b Benjamin 17  
T. Healy b Benjamin 2  
M. Hughes not out 3

**WEST INDIES**  
D. Jones c Best b Walsh 20  
A. Border c Ambrose b R. Haynes 49  
S. Waugh not out 53  
O'Donnell c R. Haynes b Benjamin 17  
T. Healy b Benjamin 2  
M. Hughes not out 3

**Extras** (b-1 lb-12 w-7 nb-5) 25  
Total (for six wickets - 50 overs) 241  
Fall of wickets: 1-2 2-53 3-147 4-169 5-230 6-237  
Did not bat: G. Lawson, T. May, T. Alderman.  
Bowling: Ambrose 9-1-37-0, Benjamin 9-2-38-3, Walsh 10-0-50-1, Marshall 10-0-31-0, Richards 6-0-36-0, R. Haynes 6-0-36-2.  
D. Haynes run out 5  
C. Best b Alderman 0  
R. Richardson c and b Border 61  
G. Leggie b O'Donnell 8  
V. Richards b Hughes 5

## Casuals hold off Hubara

CASUALS cricket club repeated last year's result when they held off a strong Hubara challenge to win their Friday League clash at Ahmadi.

A keenly fought contest was in doubt until the final moments, although Casuals seemed to have the upper hand for most of the day. Batting first Casuals were given the bonus of some very loose bowling from Boldy who seemed unable to find his line. James and Fitzpatrick both proved expensive when, after Kevin Wells fell lbw for 9, Ron Seward (31) and Andrew Pinho (47) carried the attack.

Pinho in particular was particularly severe on the loose ball but then was surprised to be given out caught and bowled. When Seward was run out immediately after, the innings began to falter briefly. Skipper Simon Clements looked to push on but fell to Talbot for 10. It was left to another fine knock from John Arton-Powell (34 no), demonstrating a range of strokes, assisted by Dave Short (10) to steer Casuals to a solid 176 at the close. Only Hubara captain Shipton bowled with success, allowing just 22 runs from his spell.

In reply, Hubara were soon in trouble when Adi Selveratnam left Talbot nonplussed and finally caught in close by Arton-Powell. Another excellent spell from Richard Snowden was rewarded when he clean bowled Shipton for 21, beaten for pace.

The Hubara ship was steadied by Haseman (28) and Hunt (51) who played sensibly without allowing the rate to fall too far behind. When James came to the wicket after Snowden had dismissed Haseman lbw, the situation needed his type of big hitting. He began to oblige and for a moment, with Hunt taking the cue to hit out, it looked as though Hubara could steal victory. However, an excellent spell of accurate bowling from Kazim Hussein forced James to loft a drive which was held in spectacular fashion by Wells, taking the opportunity to avenge previous role reversals. The catch proved to be the turning point and the remaining Hubara batsmen were unable to take the score beyond 152 after 27 overs, leaving Casuals winners by virtue of a better run rate.

## England avoid collision

NAGPUR, India, Oct. 21. (Reuters): England's cricketers came close to a runway collision yesterday when their Indian Airways Boeing 737 had to brake sharply to avoid another aircraft taking off at Nagpur airport. Players on the right-hand side of the aircraft could clearly see

the lights of the other plane as it roared past in the pitch dark.

"I had to brake sharply because of a plane coming from the left," the pilot said.

The team who are in India for the Nehru Cup one-day tournament, were flying from Hyderabad to Bhubaneswar.

## Maqsood slams 74

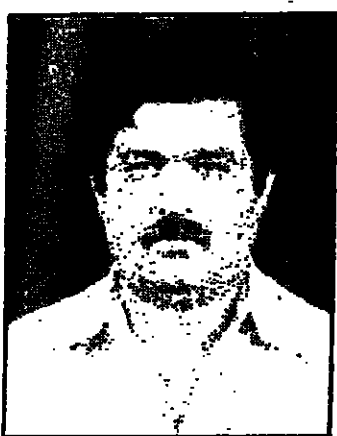
STARLITE Cricket Club beat Prince by eight wickets in the Gulf Bank Cricket League tournament at the KOQ ground, Ahmadi, on Thursday.

Winning the toss, Prince opted to bat, but made a bad start as they lost opener Salim for seven when the total score was 16 runs. However, Aslam and Nasir scored 51 and 40 runs respectively and enabled their side to score 112 runs in 20 allotted overs.

For Starlite, Zia and Sakhatwari bowled well and captured three and two wickets respectively.

Starlite, chasing a target of under six runs per over, opened their innings with Bader and Zia but both were dismissed by Palay with the total 24.

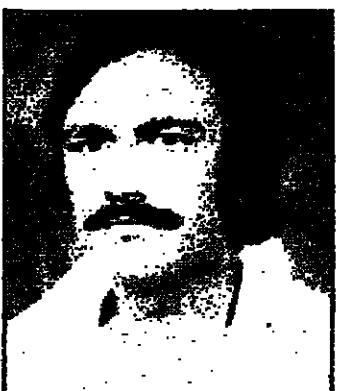
Maqsood Ahmed (Sr), in his first appearance in the current season demonstrated an amazing power-play when he slammed an unbeaten 74, in only 31 balls which enabled



Maqsood Ahmed

Starlite to score the required 118 runs in 13.4 overs and kept their side unbeaten in the Gulf Bank League tournament.

## Falcon defeat Kokan



G. Haider: 108 runs

FALCON Cricket Club beat Kokan by 27 runs in Malhotra Trophy knockout Cricket Tournament match at the Ahmadi Cricket Ground recently.

Batting first, Falcon scored 199 for four wickets in 27 overs. For Falcon, G. Haider batted with confidence and scored 108 runs, which included three huge sixes and 12 fours. Ayub scored 23, Khalid 26, and Adnan 17. For Kokan, Rafique claimed 3 wickets for 32 runs.

Kokan, in reply, scored 172 runs for four wickets in 27 overs. For Kokan, Javed Kaloo scored 105 not out, Ibrar 12, and Iqbal 12. For Falcon G. Haider got 2 wickets for 25 runs and Ejaz 1 for 20.

## Lagmay and Maca-ayan lead

THE participants in the first Filcheck Active Chess Tournament once again faced each other in the penultimate 4th and 5th rounds of the elimination series at the new Kabayan Restaurant on Friday. With two more rounds to go, it is quite certain that the current leaders in their respective groups will make it to the finals except in Groups B and E. The top three players in each group will advance to the championship round where they will play a single round robin.

Group A: Teddy Lagmay and Ali Maca-ayan, both with 4 points, are likely finalists. Wabab Alamada and Jigs Acodisen are both contenders for the last slot.

Group B: Five players are scrambling for the three slots. Thopy Monreal with 3 points is a likely finalist as he will be meeting less seeded opponents in the last two rounds. Pre-tournament favourite Mon Cortado, Palaro '89 Board 1 gold medalist, badly needs a win against Wally Soriano, present leader of the group with 4 wins. Likewise, the match between Fred de Niva and Sammy Aurellano is a crucial one as the winner shall be an outright finalist.

Group C: Rading Moje leads the pack with 5 straight wins, on the way to repeating his remarkable feat (all win, no loss) in Palaro '89 which earned for him the Board 3 gold medal. Rene Mostrales and Moje have secured their places in the finals with Nilo Magtanggob fastening his grip on the third slot. Unfortunately, Ariel Martinez, last week's current leader, failed to show up

and lost his two games by default.

Group D: Nanding Pilcarpio, Palaro '89 Individual Chess Champion and Edwin Borigas, 6th Placer in the Kuwait Chess Federation Open Tournament, have already qualified for the finals. Both players with unbeaten records, their encounter on the 7th elimination round is much awaited. The game between Neil Dumlaog, 4th Placer in the Kuwait Chess Federation Open Tournament and Ingy Vendiola, a newcomer, will decide the third qualifier in the group.

Group E: Palaro veteran Jess Betguen and neophytes Adrian Perez and Danilo Calasin have good chances to be in the finals. However, Mel Espinosa, another newcomer from Sony, can still snatch the last slot if he beats Calasin coupled with the latter's loss to Perez.

As per Tournament's rules, the following participants who have defaulted two consecutive games are considered withdrawn from the matches: Rey Veloso, Ariel Martinez, Pir Espeno, Vic Corpuz, Alex Al Fajaro, Bernard delos Reyes, Rodolfo Laude.

Rey Sumico and Jun Mercado.

All officers have been asked to attend the meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 26 at the Kabayan Restaurant to discuss the proposed by-laws.

**Standings**  
Group A: 1. Jigs Acodisen 3.0 pts; 2. Ali Maca-ayan 4.0; 3. Diony Bartolome 2.0; 4. Bamba Bucay 1.5; 5. Wabab Alamada 3.5; 6. Rolie Mercado 0.0; 7. Hussain Ahmad 2.0; 8. Teddy Lagmay 4.0.

Group B: 1. Fred de Niva 3.0 pts; 2. Mon Cortado 3.0; 3. Rey Veloso 1.0; 4. Stanley Sawit 1.0; 5. Thopy Monreal 3.0; 6. Wally Soriano 4.0; 7. Somilalao M. 2.0; 8. Sammy Aurellano 3.0.

Group C: 1. Jun Tiania 1.0 pts; 2. Ariel Martinez 3.0; 3. Pir Espeno 1.0; 4. Rading Moje 5.0; 5. Nilo Magtanggob 3.0; 6. Rene Mostrales 2.0; 7. Rolie Mercado 2.0; 8. Vic Corpuz 0.0.

Group D: 1. Nanding Pilcarpio 5.0 pts; 2. Mauro Burlat 0.0; 3. Roberto Diaz 2.0; 4. Ingemar Vendiola 3.5; 5. Neil Dumlaog 3.0; 6. Gil Oplana Jr 1.5; 7. Alex Alfajaro 0.0; 8. Edwin Borigas 5.0.

Group E: 1. B. de los Reyes 1.0 pts; 2. Rodolfo Laude 0.0; 3. Jess Betguen 4.0; 4. Danilo Calasin 4.0; 5. Adrian Perez 4.5; 6. Ray Sumico 2.0; 7. Jun Mercado 0.0; 8. Mel Espinosa 2.5.

### Schedule for Oct 27

Group	A	B	C	D	E
W vs B	W vs B	W vs B	W vs B	W vs B	W vs B
8:00 am	3 6	4 2	1 8	5 3	4 5
	2 7	6 2	2 7	1 8	1 8
9:30 am	6 2	8 4	3 6	2 7	5 3
	1 8	3 6	4 5	3 6	2 7
12:00 pm	4 5	7 1	7 1	6 2	3 6
	7 1	5 3	6 2	7 1	6 2
2:00 pm	5 3	1 8	5 3	7 1	6 2
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## Honda Trophy

The organisers of the Honda Trophy cricket tournament will hold a meeting on Oct 29, at 8.00 pm, at the Najmatul Khaleel Hotel to discuss the details of the tournament, scheduled to start in the first week of Nov. For further details contact Khalid Jawad, Tel 2442752 or Zafar Abbasi, Tel 2405422.

## New sponsor

HELSINKI, Finland, Oct 21, (AP): A four-year sponsorship agreement for the dressage World Cup was announced today with Volvo, the current sponsor for the show jumping World Cup, taking over as new sponsor for the dressage.

## Connors wins

TEL AVIV, Oct 21, (Reuters): American Jimmy Connors overcame a disastrous start to take the 109th singles title of his career today, beating unseeded Israeli Gilad Bloom 2-6 2-6 1-6.

## America's Cup

VENICE, Italy, Oct 21, (Reuters): Italy and New Zealand were involved in a new war-of-words over the future of the America's Cup yesterday as Italian yachtsman Raul Gardini denied accusations that he had broken an agreement not to interfere in the legal tug-of-war surrounding the 1988 event.

## Bjorn Borg

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct 21, (AP): Former tennis superstar Bjorn Borg said in a Swedish newspaper interview today that allegations by his ex-girlfriend that he used cocaine during their relationship were "shameless".

## W. German soccer

BONN, Oct 21, (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results today: Wolfsburg 0 Karlsruhe 1, Hamburg 2 Hamburg 3, Cologne 1 Dusseldorf 3, Bayern M 0 Bayer L 3, VfB Stuttgart 3 Borussia M 0, Eintracht F 3 Borussia M 0, Bochum 3 Nuremberg 3, Kaiserslautern 1 St Pauli 1, Friday.

## Champion Stakes

NEWMARKET, England, Oct 21, (Reuters): Legal Case, trained by Luca Cumani and ridden by Ray Cochrane, won the Champion Stakes today in one of the most thrilling finishes to a Group One horse race for many years.

## Doping offenders

BUDAPEST, Oct 21, (UPI): World sports leaders today agreed to march to their own drums regarding penalties for doping offenders. Delegates at the 23rd congress of the general assembly of International Sports Federations (AGFIS) approved a compromise package containing optional sanctions to avoid a split in the ranks.

## Dutch midfielder

MILAN, Italy, Oct 21, (Reuters): AC Milan's Dutch midfielder Frank Rijkaard will be fit for the European Cup return clash with Real Madrid if he rests the left ankle he twisted in Wednesday's 2-0 win over the Spaniards, doctors said yesterday.

## Rugby match

SWANSEA, Wales, Oct 21, (Reuters): New Zealand beat Swansea 37-22 (half-time 21-3) in a rugby union match today.

## BRIDGE

TOMORROW'S Dunhill Bridge Tournament game will be held at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel. The game will start at 7.45 pm.

## KPBL meeting

THE Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) has scheduled an organizational meeting for Monday, Oct 23 at 7.00 pm, at the Mahayay Restaurant. The organizers have asked for all teams interested in taking part in the December 1 First Conference Tournament to attend the meeting.

## McEnroe and Lendl rivals for million-dollar trophy

ANTWERP, Belgium, Oct 21, (Reuters): Although Ivan Lendl is regarded as favourite for the richest indoor title in tennis, the organisers of the European Community Championship will be keeping a watchful eye on John McEnroe when the event begins on Monday.

If McEnroe retains the Antwerp title, he

will claim a diamond-studded \$1 million gold racket on offer to anyone who wins here three times in five years. Lendl won a similar trophy in 1985 after his third triumph, but the organisers — well aware the prize lured not only top players but also massive crowds — ordered another made.

Lendl pulled out in 1986 due to a hip injury — McEnroe won in his absence — but was back in 1987 to clinch his fourth victory. Last year, Lendl was not fully fit after surgery on his shoulder and immediately went out to Amos Mansdorf of Israel. McEnroe won that final too but the former world number one, now ranked fourth,

has an unlucky draw this time. All the seeds have a first-round bye and McEnroe is likely to confront Frenchman Henri Leconte in the second round, followed by either Czechoslovak MBoslav Mecir or in-form American Aaron Krickstein. If he survives those potentially hazardous

clashes, the New Yorker faces a showdown with one of his competitors, Tim Mayotte, or Brad Gilbert, winner of five tournaments this year. Lendl can look forward to a considerably easier route to the final. He faces a slightly tricky opening tie against Soviet Andrei Chesnokov, last

year's runner-up, but the second match against Swiss Jakob Hlasek should pose no major threat.

The Swiss, one of the most successful players last season, is still struggling to find his best form after a six-week injury-induced absence from the circuit.

## Southampton thrash Liverpool

## Lineker scores two for Tottenham

LONDON, Oct 21, (Reuters): Liverpool topped from the top of the English soccer First Division today when they crashed 4-1 at Southampton in their first League defeat of the season.

Everton jumped from fourth place to first in the table with a 3-0 win over champions Arsenal as Liverpool's month-long grip on the leadership was blown apart on the storm-lashed south coast.

Two goals from winger Rodney Wallace and others from Paul Rideout and Matthew le Tissier swept Liverpool aside in convincing fashion as Southampton hauled themselves into third place in the standings. Rideout began the rout in the 25th minute, heading home at the near post minutes after watching his raking drive cannon off the crossbar.

When Wallace struck either side of half-time, Southampton's triumph — which stretched their unbeaten run to nine matches — looked assured.

England striker Peter Beardsley netted a penalty on the hour to offer the hint of a Liverpool revival but Le Tissier completed an emphatic victory with a fourth goal six minutes from time.

High-flying Norwich, who began the day the only other unbeaten side in the First Division and were seeking to record a fifth clean sheet in away matches,

also crashed 4-1 at Luton.

Everton had former Chelsea winger Pat Nevin to thank for steering them back to the top. He struck twice as Arsenal were overrun in a thrilling tussle which left Everton top with 19 points from 10 games, a point clear of Liverpool, Southampton and fourth-placed Chelsea.

Nevin pounced from close range six minutes before the interval as injury-hit Everton took charge at Goodison Park with midfielders Kevin Sheedy and Norman Whiteside in outstanding form.

But the 1987 champions had to wait until 12 minutes from time before Neil McDonald increased their lead following a neat one-two with recalled \$3 million striker Tony Cottee. Nevin secured the points with his second goal four minutes later.

Two first half goals from England striker Gary Lineker put Tottenham on the road to a 3-0 victory over bottom-of-the-table Sheffield Wednesday — their fourth League win in succession.

Lineker bent low to head his first after 21 minutes and added his second and seventh in five League games three minutes before the interval when he headed home fullback Mitchell Thomas' corner.

Thomas sent substitute Paul



Lineker scored twice for Spurs

Moran away to net the third in the 64th minute as the Londoners moved up to seventh place in the standings just two points behind Everton.

Welsh international Mark

Hughes scored twice as much-troubled Manchester United romped to a 4-1 win at Coventry to record their first away success of the season.

Hughes and Steve Bruce

## Graf trounces Sukova for final

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct 21, (UPI): In routine fashion, top-seeded Steffi Graf today overpowered Helena Sukova to reach the final of a women's indoor tennis tournament.

The West German world No. 1 needed less than an hour to down Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, 6-1 6-3, the No. 3 seed proving helpless against Graf's powerful first serve.

In contrast, Graf broke Sukova's first two serves for a 4-0 lead in the first set. She also built up a 3-0 advantage in the second before Sukova won a game.

Sukova did earn a break point

in the match, but Graf served herself out of trouble.

The victory continued Graf's run over Sukova. In four previous encounters, Sukova has never won more than four games in a set from Graf.

In tomorrow's final, Graf will face Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia, who took one hour, 35 minutes to defeat 16-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles 7-6 (9-7), 6-4.

With her two-handed forehand and backhand, Seles dominated her opponent early in the first set, but could not convert a set point and lost the tie-break.

Novotna's more varied game paid off in the second set when she broke Seles twice for a 5-1 lead. Yet with the victory in sight, she grew increasingly nervous and inconsistent. She set up match points brilliantly, including one with a Becker-style plunge to the ground, but blew them three times with unforced errors before she finished a long rally with a hard-hit baseline shot.

Yesterday Graf offered no birthday favours to unseeded Karine Quentrec of France in the quarterfinals. Graf completed a swift

demolition job on the Frenchwoman, crushing her 6-2 6-3 and leaving her little to celebrate on the eve of her 20th birthday.

The West German, using her big serve and fearsome forehand like a bludgeon, raced through the first set in 21 minutes and took a minute less for the second.

Graf, who won here in 1986 and 1987 and is on course for her 12th tournament win this year, hammered nine aces and 13 first service winners and said: "The match went as programmed. I usually like to end a two set match in around 50 minutes."

## Al Mulla wins Rothmans Trophy



Al Mulla (right) receives his prize.

ADAM AL MULLA, a Kuwaiti citizen, won the Rothmans Racing Simulator Trophy with a formidable score of 167,240 points. He won the first prize of a colour television. Hisham Bahadar won the second. Rothmans prize of a video with a score of 134,440. Nabeel Al Khattab came third with a score of 99,340 and walked away with a personal computer — courtesy Rothmans.

The Rothmans Racing Simulator started performing at Safeway, Farwaniya from the first week of October until the 15th. It was then moved to Safeway, Fahadheel until Friday October 20. It starting performing at Sultan Centre, Salmiya, yesterday and will be there until the end of October.

A large number of local racing enthusiasts tried their skills on the Rothmans Racing Simulator which is currently in Kuwait. The organisers extend invitation to all to take this opportunity to try their racing skills and win valuable prizes as well before the Rothmans Racing Simulator leaves for Saudi Arabia at the beginning of November.

## Saudi Arabia, UAE draw

SINGAPORE, Oct 21, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates drew 0-0 in the World Cup Soccer Asia group final qualifying tournament today.

Standings (tabulate under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points): S. Korea 2 1 2 0 2 0 5, UAE 3 1 2 0 2 1 4, N. Korea 3 1 1 1 2 1 3, China 3 1 0 2 3 4 2, Qatar 3 0 2 1 1 3 2, Saudi Arabia 3 0 2 1 2 3 2.

Remaining matches: Oct 24 United Arab Emirates v Qatar, North Korea v China, Oct 25 Saudi Arabia v South Korea, Oct 28 United Arab Emirates v South Korea (in Kuala Lumpur), Saudi Arabia v North Korea, Qatar v China.

## Krickstein beats Edberg

TOKYO, Oct 21, (Reuters): Aaron Krickstein maintained his remarkable record of success against Stefan Edberg today to topple the top-seeded Swede and reach the final of the Tokyo Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Edberg squandered two match points before fourth-seeded Krickstein prevailed 2-6 7-6 7-6 to line up a showdown with Carl-Uwe Steeb in tomorrow's final of the \$627,500 event.

Krickstein, ranked 10th in the world, has now beaten Edberg on all three occasions they have met and has also won each of the seven tie-breakers the pair have contested.

The 22-year-old American's previous wins against the former Wimbledon champion were both at the US Open.

West German Davis Cup player Steeb, seeded fifth, played a steady baseline game to beat Australian Darren Cahill 6-4 6-4 in the other semifinal. Steeb needed just 78 minutes to oust Cahill, who contributed to his own downfall by producing plenty of unforced errors.

## Boginskaya new world champion

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct 21, (Reuters): The elegant Soviet, Boginskaya collected two perfect marks to win the all-round gold medal at the World Gymnastics Championships yesterday.

The Soviet women, who won the team title on Wednesday, swept all three medals with Natalya Lavchenko, who also picked up two scores of 10, taking silver and Olga Stragins winning bronze.

Romanian favourite Daniela Silivaş, silver medalist at last year's Olympics, finished a disappointing 12th.

The 16-year-old Boginskaya, already European all-round champion, took the lead in the third rotation with a flawless performance of the floor routine that had already earned her a 10 in the team event.

Watched by a story-faced Silivaş, she rounded off the evening with marks of 10 for both her vaults and danced off the podium into her coach's embrace knowing the gold medal was hers.

Meanwhile, Igor Korobchinsky of the Soviet Union won the men's floor gold medal today.

Vladimir Artemov of the Soviet Union took the silver and Li Chunyang of China the bronze. Olesia Dudnik of the Soviet Union won the women's vault gold medal. Romanian Cristina Bontas took the silver and Brandy Johnson of the United States the bronze.

Valentin Mogilyov of the Soviet Union won the pommel horse gold medal. East German Andreas Wecker took the silver and Li Jing of China the bronze.



Svetlana Boginskaya

## Kuwait ready to host Games: Sheikh Fahd

KUWAIT, Oct 21, (Kuna): With nine days to go, preparations for the Friendship and Peace Championship have been completed and the vice-chairman of the organising committee sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed has expressed the country's readiness to host all participants.

Sheikh Fahd told Kuna that the success of Kuwait in organising the event, which will bring together competitors from 45 member states of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, is indicative of the international respect enjoyed by Kuwait at the political and sports levels.

He said the overwhelming response shown by the Islamic countries taking part in the championship reflected their belief in His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah's initiative on organising the event aimed at bringing together the youth of Islamic countries. HH the Amir is the current chairman of the OIC.

He added that Kuwait's perception of this international

event goes beyond traditional sports activities, saying the organising committee would utilise the gathering by expanding it to cover cultural and social functions.

Speaking on the budget allocated for the championship, Sheikh Fahd said Kuwait pays no concern to such matters, saying such a get-together of Islamic countries was more important than any other considerations.

Sheikh Fahd paid tribute to the Kuwaiti youth who had toiled over the past weeks to make a success of the championship, due to kick off October 30.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the information committee Mohamed Al Zamil said that all necessary preparations for covering activities of the championship had been made with a well-equipped press centre from where newsmen could transmit their coverage back home.

He said news of events taking place in the five playgrounds would be available at the press centre in Arabic, English and French languages.



Faisal Al Qina'i (left) talks to Yusuf Behbehani.

Zamil said the opening ceremony would be broadcast live free of charge to all countries taking part in the championship while the TV would prepare a daily summary to be transmitted via satellite at the Kuwaiti's expense to any interested country.

The chairman of the public

relations committee Abdul Hamid Mohammed said a computerised communication system to allow access to relevant information about other teams and results of other functions would be put into service for the first time in sports activities in the country.

A shooting competition was

held at the Hunting and Equestrian Club on Thursday and Friday in connection with the celebrations of the Games, under the patronage of Sheikh Fahd. The event was held in both categories — skeet and trap. Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem attended the event on Sheikh Fahd's behalf.

In a related development, the deputy chairman of the Kuwait Football Association, Sheikh Talal Khalid Al Ahmed, has announced that the KFA is ready to lift sanctions imposed on several football players. This action comes in response to Sheikh Fahd's request to waive action against all players as part of celebrations of the Games.

The chairman of the Kuwait Journalists Union Ahmed Yusuf Behbehani yesterday paid a visit to the press centre for the Games. He was received by the head of the press centre, Faisal Al Qina'i. Behbehani expressed his admiration over the efforts made to provide the media with the necessary equipment to cover the Games.

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